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Monterey Park Fire Department: Firework Guidelines and Safety

Fireworks are allowed only on Saturday, July 4 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Report illegal fireworks to the police department at 626-573-1311

Monterey Park, Calif. - July 1, 2020 - The [City of Monterey Park](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) allows the use of fireworks only on July 4 and only from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Fireworks are not allowed at any time in city parks. Permitted fireworks must be "Safe and Sane" and cannot be modified or altered ([MPMC 5.48.190](#)).

The Fire Department's Arson Team and the Police Department have begun patrolling the city to ensure safe preservation of the community. Individuals failing to comply with the city's fireworks ordinance and found with illegal fireworks or igniting fireworks before the 4th of July may be susceptible to fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and confiscation of the fireworks.

To report illegal fireworks, please contact non-emergency police dispatch at 626-573-1311 and provide as much information as possible regarding the location of where the fireworks are coming from.

Due to the extreme fire danger in California, and to make sure everyone in the community can enjoy the holiday, the city encourages everyone to have a safe Fourth of July by ensuring the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks only, making sure children are supervised at all times, and taking care of your pets. Many times pets are forgotten during this holiday and many are sensitive to loud noises. The fireworks can scare animals and cause them to run off. It is recommended to bring your pets indoors and play calming music while the fireworks are being ignited or seek the advice of your local veterinarian before July 4th.

So enjoy the 4th of July, but remember to use Safe and Sane only within the allowable times. Also, given the current status of COVID19, please continue to practice social distancing to include masks, hand washing and remaining a minimum of six feet from others.

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