



## Communications Department

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### **Fireworks safety tips**

The City of Jonesboro wants everyone to have a fun Fourth of July weekend, and part of having fun is ensuring that no one is injured.

The city's public safety division offers the following tips when using fireworks, which are the cause of hundreds of injuries nationwide every year during this holiday weekend:

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. No shooting of fireworks allowed inside Jonesboro city limits.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult **SHOULD** supervise all firework activities. **Never give fireworks to children.**
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks **OUTDOORS** in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your **POCKET** or shoot them into **METAL** or **GLASS** containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- FAA regulations **PROHIBIT** the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

Only approved commercial firework displays will be allowed within the City Limits of Jonesboro.

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