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Fireworks Safety Tips from the City of Stockton Fire Department

(Stockton, CA) – July 4 is around the corner and the State of California is still experiencing drought conditions. The City of Stockton Fire Department wants to help residents plan and enjoy a safe Independence Day.

Safe and Sane Fireworks sales begin at noon on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, and end on Monday, July 4, 2016, at 9 p.m. Fireworks classified as “Safe and Sane” by the State Fire Marshal are approved for sale and use in the City of Stockton. Safe and Sane Fireworks are generally described as fireworks that do not explode or leave the ground and carry a special State Fire Marshal label identifying them as Safe and Sane. The sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks in Stockton is limited to 30 nonprofit organizations selected to receive a permit for sale.

Fireworks can be purchased one week prior to and through July 4, 2016. Use of fireworks in Stockton city limits is limited to the following dates and times by State law:

- June 28: Noon to 11:00 p.m.
- June 29 through July 4: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

To report illegal firework items or discharge outside these dates and times, the City's Fire Department is asking residents to use the [Ask Stockton on the City website](#) as the fastest way to resolve any issues.

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Please be sure to enter the location information for the illegal fireworks activity, and the City Fire Department will work with the Stockton Police Department to address any violations.

For a safe July 4, please follow these safety tips from the Stockton Fire Department:

- Only Safe and Sane fireworks are permitted in the Stockton City limits. Tea light lanterns are illegal, as they can lift off while lit and start a fire depending on where they land.
- Fireworks cannot be ignited on public property or on a public street.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for any possible sparks or small fires.
- Don't modify any device or attempt to elevate the firework (i.e., place on a chair or ladder.) This is illegal.
- Clear any weeds or debris around the area where igniting fireworks.
- Leave 10 feet between ignited fireworks and any residential dwelling.
- A responsible adult should be on hand at all times. For a child's safety, do not let children light fireworks.
- Do not attempt to light more than one firework at a time.
- Thoroughly soak fireworks with water before disposing of in garbage bins.

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