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Guidance For Celebrating Responsibly This Independence Day

(Woodland, CA) - As we gear up for Independence Day in Yolo County, it's crucial to be aware of the potential risks associated with fireworks and prioritize safety above all else. Local officials want to ensure that your celebrations are not only enjoyable but also safe for everyone involved.

Cities, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies have joined forces to provide you with valuable information on how to celebrate responsibly, identify safe and sane fireworks, and report any instances of illegal firework usage. By working together, we can create a community that embraces both fun and safety.

Please remember that using illegal fireworks or engaging in illegal sales is strictly prohibited in Yolo County. Our aim is to keep our communities safe, and we have implemented fines for those who violate these regulations. We want to remind you that fines will be imposed on property owners who use or allow the use of illegal fireworks on their premises, starting at \$1,000. As a community, let's make sure we celebrate within the bounds of the law and avoid any unnecessary penalties.

During this festive period, the demand for emergency services increases significantly. As a result, resources may be stretched thin. We kindly request that you reserve calls to 9-1-1 for genuine emergencies only, such as active fires, injuries, or immediate threats to individuals or property. To report illegal fireworks sales and usage, each jurisdiction has provided alternative contact information, ensuring that you have a direct and accessible way to alert the authorities.

Understanding the risks associated with fireworks is of utmost importance. Mishandling fireworks can lead to severe burns and even fatalities. Let's prioritize the safety of our loved ones by ensuring that children are supervised when handling fireworks. As responsible parents and guardians, we must accept responsibility for any property damage or injuries caused by fireworks.

To ensure a safe and compliant celebration, remember to only use legal fireworks known as Safe and Sane Fireworks. These fireworks bear the State Fire Marshal's seal and can be used and sold between noon on June 28 and midnight on July 4, except for in the city of Davis. Keep in mind that any firework that goes up in the air or explodes is illegal and poses a significant danger to both individuals and our surroundings.

Let's make safety a priority during your fireworks display:

- Have a bucket filled with water nearby to safely dispose of used fireworks. It is advisable to leave them submerged in water overnight before disposing of them properly.

- Keep an available hose connected to a water source in case of a fire.
- Avoid using fireworks near dry grass, flammable materials, canopies, covered balconies, patios, trees, or bushes.

To report any incidents of illegal fireworks sales and usage, we have dedicated contact information for various jurisdictions within Yolo County:

Unincorporated areas: (530) 666-8282

Davis: (530) 747-5400

West Sacramento: (916) 372-3375

Woodland: (530) 666-2411

Winters: (530) 795-4561

If you're unsure about whom to contact or how to report, please reach out to 2-1-1, and we will ensure that you are connected to the appropriate authority.

By working together and adhering to these safety guidelines, we can guarantee that our Independence Day celebrations in Yolo County will be both enjoyable and secure. Let's create lasting memories while prioritizing the well-being of ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

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