

## Firework Safety Tips

The NFPA, CPSC, State and County Fire Marshals urge consumers to leave fireworks to the professionals and enjoy a public fireworks display show rather than lighting off their own. For those who still feel compelled to light off their own fireworks, they are encouraged to follow these safety tips:

- NEVER allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- NEVER try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. If an item does not light or go off, an adult should wait at least 15 minutes before approaching the dud then place it in a bucket of water.
- Soak all fireworks debris and used, unlit fireworks in a bucket of water.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy incase of a fire or other mishap.
- Purchase only legal fireworks available at licensed stands.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.

The authorized firework discharge period is limited to July 4, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. in the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County, Bainbridge Island, the City of Bremerton, and the City of Port Orchard. Fireworks may not be discharged at any other time of the year.

The only exception to discharge times is within the City of Poulsbo limits where fireworks may be discharged beginning at noon on June 28 until 11:00 p.m. each night through July 4, and 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on July 5.

Certain fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles and skyrockets are strictly prohibited off of tribal lands. Having or setting-off these fireworks off tribal land is illegal and subject to civil and criminal penalties of up to \$1,000.

The possession or discharge of M-80s and larger, cherry bombs, tennis ball bombs, and legal fireworks that have been altered is a felony subject to a fine and/or imprisonment.

Responsibility for the legal and safe use of fireworks rest with the consumer at all times. The Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office and the Kitsap County Fire Chief's Association reminds you to use fireworks safely.