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Fireworks Safety

The City of Norman wants everyone to be safe and enjoy this Fourth of July holiday. The City also wants to remind everyone that discharging fireworks within Norman city limits is illegal and may result in tickets and municipal fines. Only professional pyrotechnic groups that have been issued a special permit by the Norman Fire Department can legally discharge fireworks in Norman.

Each year, thousands of serious injuries are caused by fireworks, including injuries to head, eyes and hands. Additionally, fireworks-related fires cause approximately \$20 million in property loss each year. A substantial portion of the structure fire property loss due to fireworks typically involves bottle rockets or other fireworks rockets. These rockets can land on rooftops or wedge within certain structures and still retain enough heat to cause fires.

As an alternative to setting off personal fireworks, Norman residents are encouraged to attend public fireworks displays. Conducted by trained professionals, these displays are a safe fireworks alternative for anyone, because they are established under controlled settings and regulations. One public fireworks display will take place on July 4th at Reeves Park as part of the 40th annual Norman Day Celebration. Activities start at 1 p.m. with the fireworks display taking place around 9:45 p.m.

For more information on the Norman Day Celebration, visit www.NormanFun.com.

Attached are some Fireworks Safety Tips provided by the National Fire Protection Association.

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