



Templeton

Fire & Emergency Services

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SUBJECT: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS! The Regulations Have Changed. Templeton CSD Also Reminds Residents of Safe and Sane Fireworks Regulations for Independence Day

As Independence Day approaches, the Templeton Community Services District want its residence to know there will be **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS!** We also want to inform residents that the Regulations have changed. As always only State Fire Marshal-approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks may be sold, possessed, and used within District boundaries, and only in accordance with local and state regulations.

Safe and Sane fireworks are defined under California Health and Safety Code Section 12529 and classified by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 12562. Fireworks that do not meet these standards are illegal and subject to enhanced penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

Age Restrictions

To promote public safety:

- Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to sell or handle fireworks.
- Fireworks may not be sold or transferred to anyone under the age of 18.
- Purchasers are required to present valid identification verifying they are 18 years of age or older.

Where Safe and Sane Fireworks May Be Used (NEW REGULATION)

Safe and Sane fireworks may only be discharged on privately owned, non-commercial property and only with the permission of the property owner. Fireworks are prohibited in:

- Streets

- Public rights-of-way
- Parking lots
- Sidewalks
- Commercial properties
- Parks
- School grounds
- Publicly owned property
- Any location that is not privately owned

Permitted Discharge Hours (REGULATION CHANGE)

Except for approved sales demonstrations, Safe and Sane fireworks may only be discharged on:

July 4 between 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The discharge of fireworks outside these hours is prohibited.

Penalties for Violations (NEW REGULATION)

Violations of the District's fireworks regulations may result in criminal penalties. Except as otherwise provided under California Health and Safety Code Section 12702:

- Violations involving illegal fireworks are subject to a **\$1,000 fine per offense.**
- Violations involving Safe and Sane fireworks are subject to a **\$100 fine per offense.**

In addition, violations may be prosecuted as misdemeanors and may result in up to one year in county jail, fines, or both.

There will be aerial surveillance this year and property owners may be cited under Templeton's new fireworks social host ordinance.

The Templeton Community Services District encourages residents to celebrate responsibly and help protect the community by following all fireworks regulations. For everyone's safety, always use fireworks as directed, keep water nearby, and properly dispose of spent fireworks. **Never use illegal fireworks!**

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Thomas Peterson tpeterson@templetoncsd.org or 434-4911 x201.