

FIREWORKS

Bristol is unique in that our community is completely surrounded with a beautiful and a wonderful wildland interface that includes Steeles Creek Park. City leaders understand the impact that might ensue if they didn't take every precaution to protect that beauty. Just as we're experience now in our community with extreme dry conditions make for an even more dangerous situation related to consumers fireworks use.

Wooded areas, homes, and even automobiles have become engulfed in flames because of fireworks. 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 a fire. For most people, their family and their home represent the hard work of a lifetime and their hopes for the future," says Fire Chief Bob Barnes. No one would risk losing what's most important to them if they understood the dangers of fireworks.

Before using fireworks, make sure they are permitted in your state or local area. Some states and local governments prohibit or limit common fireworks or firecrackers and the City of Bristol is one of those locations. The City of Bristol wants to reduce the risks of injuries and promote the safe enjoyment of fireworks; so, please leave fireworks demonstrations to the professionals.

Bristol Fire Rescue urges consumers to follow some important safety tips:

- Only use fireworks outdoors.
 - Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
 - Never give fireworks to young children and always wear safety glasses.
 - Always have a bucket of water, or water hose, nearby.
 - Alcohol and fireworks do not mix!
 - Sparklers should ALWAYS be used under close adult supervision.
 - Always stand at least 6 feet from another person while using sparklers.
 - Purchase fireworks from a reliable dealer.
 - Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
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- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for children ages 5-14, with more than twice the risk for the general population.
 - On Independence Day in a typical year, far more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.