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When not in use, store fireworks in a closed box away from sources of accidental ignition.

Always comply with all state and local regulations governing the use of fireworks.

In case of fire, call the fire department immediately and evacuate the fire area.

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For more than 200 years, we have celebrated the birth of America. Today's celebrations often include fireworks displays. However, each year thousands of people are injured and damages in excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars result from the careless use of fireworks.

If you live in the country and are planning to observe the Fourth of July with fireworks, take special precautions to prevent your holiday celebration from becoming a disaster.

Buy only approved fireworks from licensed sellers.

Never experiment with or modify existing fireworks.

Never make your own fireworks.

Always read and follow all label warnings.

Never give fireworks to small children.

Only allow children to use fireworks when supervised by a responsible adult.

Keep children a safe distance apart when they are playing with sparklers. Dispose of hot sparkler wires in a metal bucket.

Always use fireworks in a large, open area cleared of all flammable vegetation.

Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from houses, buildings, vegetation and flammable materials.

Light fireworks one at a time.

Never re-light a "dud" firework. Leave the firework alone for 15-20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposing of in a metal trash container.

Always shoot fireworks away from buildings and people.

Keep fireworks a safe distance away from the area where they are being lit.

Always have a garden hose and/or several buckets of water available when using fireworks.

Dispose of spent fireworks properly by soaking in water and placing them in a metal trash container.

Loose clothing can catch fire and should not be worn while handling fireworks.

Never carry fireworks in your pockets.