

East Manchester Township Fire Safety Reminder



Celebrate the Fourth of July Safely!

As you celebrate Independence Day with family and friends, the East Manchester Township Fire Chief encourages everyone to enjoy fireworks responsibly. A few simple precautions can help keep your celebration safe and enjoyable.

Please remember to follow all applicable Pennsylvania laws governing the purchase, possession, and use of consumer fireworks, as well as any local restrictions that may apply.

Fireworks Safety Tips

✔ Choose One Responsible Adult

- Have a sober and responsible adult handle and light all fireworks.

✔ Keep Spectators at a Safe Distance

- Designate a viewing area well away from the launch site to provide a safe buffer.

✔ Be Prepared

- Keep a garden hose, buckets of water, or a fire extinguisher readily available in case of spot fires. Dry conditions increase the risk of fire.

✔ Light Fireworks Safely

- Use long matches or a grill lighter to provide extra distance when lighting fireworks.
- **Never hold a firework while lighting it or throw a lit firework.** Fireworks can ignite or explode sooner than expected.

✔ Secure Aerial Fireworks

- Place aerial fireworks on a firm, level surface before lighting.
- Never set them in grass or on uneven ground where they can tip over and fire toward spectators, homes, or other unintended targets.

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✔ Handle Duds with Care

- Never attempt to relight fireworks that fail to ignite.
- Use a shovel to carefully place them into a bucket of water and allow them to soak before disposal.

✔ Remember: Sparklers Are Not Harmless

- Sparklers burn between **1,200°F and 3,000°F** and can cause severe burns, especially to children. Always supervise their use.

✔ Dispose of Fireworks Properly

- Do not place spent fireworks directly into a garbage bag, cardboard box, or plastic container.
- Even after use, fireworks can reignite unexpectedly. Soak all spent fireworks thoroughly in water before disposing of them.

Most Importantly...

Fireworks, alcohol, and poor decisions are a dangerous combination. Follow state law, use common sense, stay alert, and help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

From the East Manchester Township Fire Chief and the East Manchester Township Board of Supervisors

Reminder: Consumer fireworks may not be used on public or private property without the property owner's permission and may not be discharged in a manner that endangers any person or property. Please comply with all applicable Pennsylvania laws and local ordinances.