



WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Background

Over the past few weeks Travis County has been lucky to have enough rainfall to support fireworks use. The municipalities of Rollingwood, West Lake Hills and Austin have ordinances that prohibit the use of fireworks in their city limits. Fireworks use is not allowed.

Residents of Travis County that live outside of municipalities may possess and use fireworks on their own property.

Fireworks are prohibited on public lands, roadways and within 600 feet from schools or 100 feet from any place where fireworks are sold or stored.

Safety Tips

- Always report fires as soon as possible to the Fire Department by calling 911.
- Never allow a child to play with fireworks, matches or lighters.
- Keep a garden hose or bucket of water nearby to extinguish fireworks or small fires.
- Sparklers generate heat and sparks. Keep them away from clothing and extinguish in a bucket of water.
- Never shoot fireworks at another person.
- Smoke devices generate heat. Never hold or place them on flammable material.
- Never shoot aerial fireworks over someone else's property or over buildings.
- If clothing catches on fire, Stop - Drop and Roll on the ground until the fire is out.
- Allow spent fireworks to cool for 30 minutes before handling or disposing.
- Gather all firework debris and dispose after use.