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## **Certain Fireworks Restricted in Unincorporated Bexar County**

Due to the ongoing heat and extended drought conditions in Bexar County, Commissioners Court confirmed and ratified an order restricting certain fireworks. The order is effective in unincorporated Bexar County until drought conditions improve or until July 18, 2022, whichever is earlier.

The order prohibits the sale and use of fireworks classified as “skyrockets with sticks” or “missiles with fins.” All other legally sold consumer fireworks can still be used. Violations of the order are considered a class C misdemeanor with fines not to exceed \$500.

Fire Marshal Chris Lopez said, “We want folks to be responsible when they enjoy their 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Fires often happen after fireworks were used. The family has gone to bed and the smoldering debris reignites in the trash can. Please make sure to thoroughly soak your fireworks debris in a bucket of water.”

Tips for fireworks safety are being distributed by Fire Marshal’s Deputies and are available to fireworks vendors in the area. Especially under the current high fire danger, it will be even more important to handle fireworks safely and with care.

**Remember: Enjoy – Soak – Drain – Wrap – Trash**

A few final safety tips: 1) Alcohol and fireworks don’t mix! 2) Keep kids at a safe distance. Only adults should handle fireworks. 3) Keep a water hose or bucket of water nearby and readily accessible. 4) Only buy fireworks from licensed vendors!

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