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“City of Canby Urges Firework Safety for Fourth of July Weekend”

Record Heat and Drought Conditions Cause Concern for Potential Fires.

The City of Canby urges its citizens and visitors to exercise extreme caution if using fireworks this Fourth of July weekend.

Though the City is not banning the use of legal personal fireworks, it is recommending that residents consider not using them this holiday season due to the high risk of fires. The increased caution is due to the record heat and drought conditions in 2021. Those who do choose fireworks over the holiday weekend are urged to use an abundance of caution. The City also reminds everyone that the use of fireworks not deemed legal in Oregon could result in at minimum a citation and up to criminal prosecution.

Mayor Brian Hodson said, “I want everyone to have a happy holiday weekend; however, it is imperative that we are smart about how we celebrate.” Hodson went further to remind citizens to have a plan for safe fireworks including providing distance between fireworks and any structures or plants and having water accessible nearby.

“Furthermore, we all must prioritize safety and caution in relation to fireworks,” Hodson stated. Residents and visitors are reminded to follow best practices around fireworks including only using legal fireworks, lighting fireworks on pavement, and having a bucket or hose nearby.

If an emergency should occur, citizens are encouraged to call 911 as soon as possible.

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