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Fireworks Disposal

Olympia- The 4th of July can be filled with fun and excitement for everyone. If celebrating the holiday with fireworks, please clean up and dispose of all used fireworks in the proper and safe manner. If fireworks are not actively burning or smoldering, please do not soak them in water. Water-soaking is only recommended if the fireworks have misfired, are visibly damaged, or are on fire. Otherwise, moisture can cause unintended chemical reactions or make the materials harder to dispose of safely.

The State Fire Marshal's Office recommends the following tips:

- Keep a water source nearby, such as a bucket of water or a hose, when using fireworks.
- Clean up all used fireworks and debris.
- Let used fireworks cool down for a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes before handling, preferably overnight.
- Dispose of discharged fireworks in a metal garbage can.
- The following day return to the site for additional clean up if necessary.
- Contact your local fire department or hazardous waste facility for proper disposal instructions - many areas offer special drop-off events or services for this purpose.
- For any additional questions, please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3904.

For more information go to: <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/>.

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The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State. These services include public education, licensing and certification of the fire sprinkler, fireworks, and cigarette industries, data collection and analysis, fire and life safety inspections for state facilities, plan review of school construction projects, all-risk mobilization of statewide fire service resources, hazardous materials training, and the training and certification of firefighters.

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