

Fire concerns loom over 4th



A fireworks stand at 4575 River Rd N. supports the McNary High School band and is one of the largest fundraisers for the group. Photo by BROOKLYN FLINT of Keizertimes

State officials are reminding Oregonians to “Be prepared, be responsible, be safe and be aware,” when it comes to fireworks this Independence Day.

Several local authorities have asked Oregonians to refrain from lighting fireworks altogether in consideration of the hot, dry weather of the past week. The fireworks season in the Beaver State ends July 6.

Oregon law bans possession, use, or sale of fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air. Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are all illegal in Oregon.

Under Oregon law, officials may seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up

to \$500 per violation. Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

If you do light off fireworks, remember the four B’s of safe fireworks use:

- Be Prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be Safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be Responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be Aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

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