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Snohomish County Fire Marshal Urges Caution Over Holiday Weekend

EVERETT, Wash., July 2, 2021 – Today, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal urged residents to show extra caution this Independence Day holiday because of the high fire danger risk. While a high fire risk is concerning, it does not warrant a ban on the use of fireworks. However, every year there are injuries and fires because of the use of illegal fireworks and reckless disregard for current fire conditions.

“With our recent severe heat, it is important that people use extra caution this year,” said Snohomish County Fire Marshal Michael McCrary. “We don’t want anyone’s holiday weekend to include injury, property loss, or death. Every year there are preventable fires and injuries. We ask folks to be aware of their surroundings, don’t use illegal fireworks, respect the burn ban, and properly dispose of any consumer fireworks.”

Snohomish County code gives the Fire Marshal authority to ban fireworks when the fire danger reaches extreme. Current fire danger is high (on a scale of low, moderate, high, very high, and extreme), [according to the Washington Department of Natural Resources](#). Snohomish County will continue to monitor fire danger levels over the weekend, and if they reach extreme will consider issuing a fireworks ban.

For more information about fireworks restrictions in Snohomish County, please go [here](#).

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