

Holiday safety

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Ways to have a happy Fourth

As the season of fireworks approaches, the City of Gallup has announced that residents who have a city permit may shoot off approved pyrotechnics between 10 am and 11 pm on July 4.

Approved fireworks may be purchased within the city limits from approved vendors.

In order to discharge consumer fireworks, a household is required to obtain a “2020 City of Gallup Fireworks Permit” at a cost of \$15 from the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall (110 W. Aztec Ave.)

Specific guidelines for fireworks use are provided with the permit.

Be certain any fireworks purchased outside the city are legal.

A responsible adult must be present to supervise all fireworks activities.

Be sure to have plenty of open space and avoid areas of dry vegetation or other combustible materials.

Keep a water hose or filled bucket available in case of a small fire.

Keep small children and animals out of the immediate area.

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Never give fireworks to children.

Dispose of any waste material safely — not inside or with regular trash.

Please be courteous of your neighbors and mindful of your trash and debris. The most common complaints concerning fireworks at this time of year are from people not being mindful of noise and setting them off after 11 pm, and discharging them near dry vegetation and onto or near neighboring property.

A safe way to enjoy fireworks is to attend the City of Gallup Fireworks Display July 3 at the Sports Complex area (925 Park Ave.) beginning around 9 pm. Spectators are urged to stay in their vehicles.

For questions about fireworks, contact the Gallup Fire Department (505) 722-4195.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

New Mexico State police will be conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols; and registration, insurance and driver's license checkpoints in all New Mexico counties during the month of July.

They want to bring attention to these traffic stops in an effort to reduce alcohol-related fatalities. These checkpoints are meant to change society's attitudes about drinking and driving.