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A reminder that the only time that fireworks are legal in the city of Mount Vernon is on July 4<sup>th</sup>, from noon to midnight.

Fire Chief Bryan Brice offers the following tips for being prepared, safe and responsible this Saturday:

**Be Prepared:**

- You must be 16 years old to purchase fireworks.
- Purchase only legal fireworks (any stand inside city limits)
- Keep pets indoors.
- Always have a hose or fire extinguisher ready to use.

**Be Safe:**

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Do not throw or hold fireworks.
- Protect your eyes.
- Never re-light a dud.

**Be Responsible:**

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches, lighters, and fireworks away from children.
- Alcohol and fireworks don't mix!

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