

Fireworks —  
Keep it safe and  
sane this year!

While fireworks liven up the season, they can also be a cause of concern. Republic Services asks all residents to use caution when using and disposing of fireworks. Follow these guidelines to keep neighborhoods and our drivers safe! Improperly extinguished items can cause fires in trash and recycling carts, collection trucks or spread to nearby structures.

# Fireworks Disposal Tips

- ✓ Have a bucket of water at the ready, kept at least 10 feet away from the home or other structures. It is a good idea to keep the hose handy, and a fire extinguisher as well. In case of an emergency, dial 911
- ✓ Allow spent fireworks to cool down, and then submerge in water. Soaking overnight is recommended to ensure there is no heat remaining.
- ✓ Once completely cooled, double-bag fireworks in a plastic bag so they don't dry out, and then dispose of in the black trash cart. Do not place any items in the recycling cart as they are not recyclable or will contaminate those items.
- ✓ If a firework fails to ignite, let stand for at least 20 minutes to cool, then immerse in water and follow the safe disposal guidelines.
- ✓ Minimize the environmental impact. Be sure to clean up all pieces after use to reduce the risk from fire, as well as to keep neighborhoods clean. Fireworks can pollute the ecosystem and become a source of litter: do not leave fireworks in the gutter to blow away.



For more safety tips on the proper use and handling of fireworks, visit: <http://www.tntfireworks.com/safety> or <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-tips/>.

