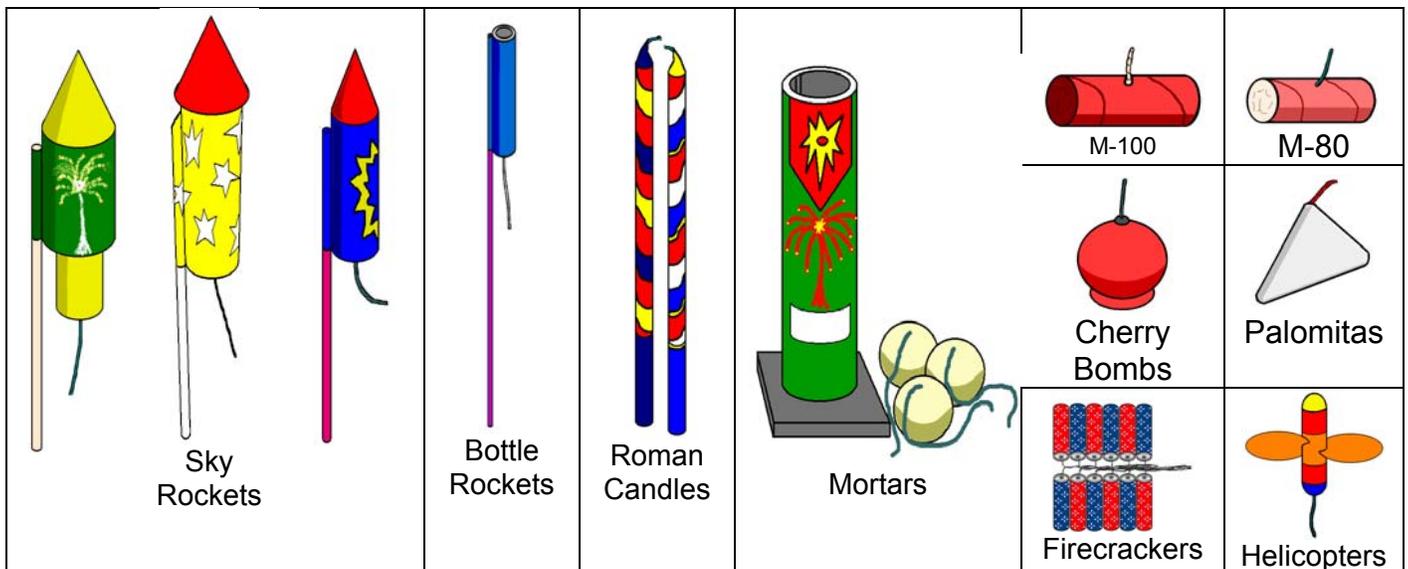


Friendly Reminder: Illegal Fireworks Are Strictly Prohibited in Inglewood

As the July 4 holiday approaches and fireworks go on sale locally, the City reminds residents that illegal fireworks are strictly prohibited in the City of Inglewood.

The City salutes patriotism and honoring our nation's history, however, the use of illegal fireworks - any item that explodes, rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks which is not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" such as mortar-style aerial fireworks and roman candles - pose a serious fire hazard and generally disturb the peace in our area.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS: Any item that explodes, rises in the air or moves about the ground or any fireworks which is not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" by the State Fire Marshal, is considered illegal in California. **The following are all illegal types of fireworks and should not be used.**



In recent years, the use of dangerous and illegal fireworks in Inglewood has increased dramatically, multiplying the threat to people's health and safety. The City has heard stories of family pets covering under tables and residents having to hose down their roofs to prevent fires from falling fireworks' embers

In response to numerous complaints from residents throughout the City, Inglewood Police and Code Enforcement - in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Fire Department - will substantially increase enforcement efforts against persons who light up illegal fireworks during the 2004 Independence Day holiday season.

In the City of Inglewood, fireworks are prohibited throughout the year. However residents are allowed to light LEGAL fireworks on July 4th only!! LEGAL fireworks are those fireworks that carry the "Safe n' Sane" logo of the California State Fire Marshall's Office. ALL AERIAL fireworks are ALWAYS strictly prohibited!! If it leaves the ground it is illegal!

The City will arrest all those caught possessing, selling, distributing or using illegal fireworks. Fines and penalties for lighting illegal fireworks or using otherwise legal fireworks illegally can include a fine of at least \$500 and up to one year in jail.

The City of Inglewood recognizes that it is important to remember our nation's history and to celebrate this historic occasion, but please celebrate safely!!

NOTE TO PARENTS: If your child has any fireworks prior to June 28th, the items are probably illegal and dangerous and should be turned over to your fire department! It is against the law to use, possess, store or sell "illegal fireworks". Some Violations are a felony! Fireworks cause many burns, injuries and fires. Violators can be held responsible for damages, as well as having to pay a fine and/ or go to jail. **Parents are liable** for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

If you plan to light fireworks on your block on July 4th, make sure you use only fireworks that carry the 'Safe n' Sane' seal of approval.



An alternative to personal use of illegal fireworks is to enjoy the City's fireworks display scheduled for July 4 at Edward Vincent Park beginning at noon. Additional information regarding the July 4th Fireworks Spectacular and Celebration will be available in the July Inglewood Today Magazine, the City's website (www.cityofinglewood.org), your local Inglewood recreation center, or by calling the City's Cultural Office at (310) 412-8700.