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Fire Marshal urges caution, consideration when using fireworks

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Fireworks enthusiasts should use caution and consideration during the Independence Day week, said Comal County Fire Marshal Kory Klabunde.

Although recent rains have kept the ground wet, those using fireworks should nevertheless keep a water source nearby to extinguish any incidental fires.

As of Thursday, June 27, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), which the county uses to assess the need for burn bans and fireworks restrictions, was 225, well below the level at which Commissioners Court typically implements a burn ban.

“Although overall drought indicators are low, the eastern part of the county did not receive as much rain and is drier,” Klabunde said. “No matter where in the county you live, please make sure you are careful if setting off fireworks, and please also use consideration for your neighbors, especially those who are veterans or elderly, or who have animals sensitive to the noise.”

Residents within incorporated municipalities also must comply with any local restrictions of fireworks inside the city limits, Klabunde said. Meanwhile, the Fire Marshal’s Office has been inspecting fireworks stands, which opened last week, to ensure the safety of the operators and their customers.

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