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### FIREWORKS SAFETY ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DUE TO DROUGHT

**DUBLIN, Calif., June 22, 2015** – Benefiting local non-profits and service organizations, “Safe and Sane” fireworks will go on sale in Dublin beginning June 28, 2015, at 12:00 PM, and the City of Dublin and its public safety departments would like to promote fireworks safety and urge extreme caution in their use. Safety is especially important this year due to the extremely dry conditions caused by the drought.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks require the use of several safety precautions, and their use is limited to the hours of 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July only, in the following City parks:

1. Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
2. Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza)
3. Emerald Glen Park (Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive)
4. Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road)

Dublin property owners may use their “Safe and Sane” fireworks at any time during the sales period. No fireworks of any type (including “Safe and Sane”) are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other City facility, or public school.

Those who purchase fireworks should keep the following precautions in mind:

- Always read and follow the safety directions.
- Never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks.
- Never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Only light one device at a time, and remain a safe distance away after lighting the device.
- Never try to re-light or handle "dud" fireworks (faulty and unexploded fireworks).
- Always follow the safety instructions.
- Fireworks should always be used in safe, open areas and away from buildings, combustibles, dry vegetation, and, especially, people and animals.

- A connected garden hose should be ready nearby and a pail of water kept handy for disposal of spent fireworks and "duds."
- Pet owners should keep pets indoors on July 4, as many animals become extremely agitated by the sights and sounds of fireworks. Some of these pets will even run into the streets and away from home in an attempt to flee fireworks activity that is distressing to them.

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, pose an even higher threat this year due to the extremely dry conditions of the Dublin hillsides, where there is great potential for wildfires. Law enforcement and fire officials plan to be extra vigilant due to the dry winter and the drought conditions. Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include fines and jail time.

To learn more about firework safety, please go to [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks).

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