



## Don't let pollutants from fireworks negatively impact people, wildlife, and natural resources.

After the show, clean up fireworks debris to prevent litter & toxic chemicals from entering storm drains on the street, which flow to rivers & streams without being filtered first. Cleaning up after fireworks not only protects our local waterways, but also the neighborhoods & parks where we live & play.

# FIREWORKS CLEANUP GUIDE

### Supplies Needed:

- flashlight (if cleaning up at night)
- bucket of water
- plastic bags
- gloves
- broom & dust pan
- trash container (preferably metal)

✓ BE SAFE & WAIT 20



✓ SOAK FIREWORKS



✓ SWEEP UP & BAG



✓ FLUSH THE WATER



- 1 After lighting off fireworks, wait 20 minutes before collecting debris and ensure there are no burning materials. Wear gloves and use caution when picking up spent fireworks.
- 2 Submerge fireworks (including damaged, misfired, or unused fireworks) in a bucket or tub of water for 15 minutes, or until saturated.
- 3 Sweep up all dust and small debris. Place the debris plus any soaked fireworks pieces into a plastic bag and seal it. Leave the bag in a safe place overnight (ideally in a metal container away from fire hazards) before placing it in the trash.
- 4 Remove any debris and flush the water used for soaking fireworks indoors, down a toilet. Flushing the water sends it through the municipal sewer system, where it can be filtered and treated. Do not dump it in the street or grass, and don't hose down the fireworks-display area.