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Pasco County Fire Rescue warns of New Year's fireworks danger

~~Drought conditions + windy weather + fireworks = high fire danger~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- [Pasco County Fire Rescue](#) is reminding residents to be extremely careful if they plan to ring in the New Year with fireworks displays. All areas of Pasco County are experiencing drought conditions and gusty winds. While fireworks pose a wildfire danger year-round, under these dry, windy conditions, they pose a serious wildfire risk.

The [Florida Forest Service](#) lists the Wildland Fire Danger as **High** in Pasco County for New Year's Eve weekend, 2016 – meaning fires can start easily from most causes and get out of control quickly.

If you're planning to celebrate with fireworks, please follow these **safety guidelines**:

- Obey all County or City fireworks laws
- Light fireworks in a clear area, free of any vegetation or debris
- Remove debris from areas where fireworks could land (roofs, decks, etc.)
- Have water nearby (hose, bucket, etc.)
- Always aim fireworks away from people, homes and wooded areas
- Keep spectators at a safe distance
- Never allow children to light or handle fireworks
- Never try to relight a 'dud' firework
- Extinguish used fireworks in a bucket of water
- Clean up all fireworks debris
- Immediately report any fires to 911

Pasco County Fire Rescue also wants to remind you to **never** use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives. Not only do they pose a serious fire danger, they can kill you!

For more information about Pasco County Fire Rescue and fire prevention, click on the following link: www.pascocountyfl.net/firerescue.

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