

The San Bernardino City Fire Department wants to ensure a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday season for all the citizens in our communities. Please keep in mind that safe and sane fireworks can only be purchased at one of the 34 designated fireworks booths permitted within the City of San Bernardino.

Although fireworks are illegal in San Bernardino County, San Bernardino City still allows the sale and use of **safe and sane** fireworks during the week of and including the 4th of July.

Fireworks sales begin at noon on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and run through midnight on Wednesday, July 4th. **Fireworks are not allowed in areas north of the 210 freeway** (Please see map below). Fireworks are also not allowed in public streets, public parks nor in public parking lots.

There's a **\$1,000.00 fine** for possession or use of dangerous or illegal fireworks and up to \$1,000.00 fine for the inappropriate use of safe and sane fireworks.

**WHERE ALLOWED, ONLY USE FIREWORKS THAT BEAR THE SAFE AND SANE SEAL (BELOW)**



### **Safe and Sane Fireworks**

Look for a manufacturer's name on each item or on the box in which they were packaged. Each device should also list instructions for proper use and have cautionary labeling. The manufacturer's name and cautionary labeling are required by law. Fireworks without this information are probably illegal and, therefore, are to be avoided.

Experimenting with fireworks or making your own from safe and sane fireworks constitutes the inappropriate use of safe and sane fireworks. Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices. Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or cause serious injury. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

Use only **Safe and Sane** fireworks, which are registered with the California State Fire Marshal.

There are many precautions that everyone should heed when enjoying fireworks:

- Always read and follow the directions carefully.
- Only ignite fireworks outside in a well-cleared area.
- Have a responsible adult supervise all fireworks activities.
- Light fireworks one item at a time.
- Have a bucket of water available to dispose of used fireworks.



**Any items that explode, rise in the air or move about the ground or any fireworks which are not approved and labeled “Safe and Sane” by the State Fire Marshal, are ILLEGAL in California. Illegal fireworks are very dangerous and therefore must not be used.**

**If you are aware of someone selling or using illegal fireworks, please call 384-5388. Caller identity will remain anonymous.**

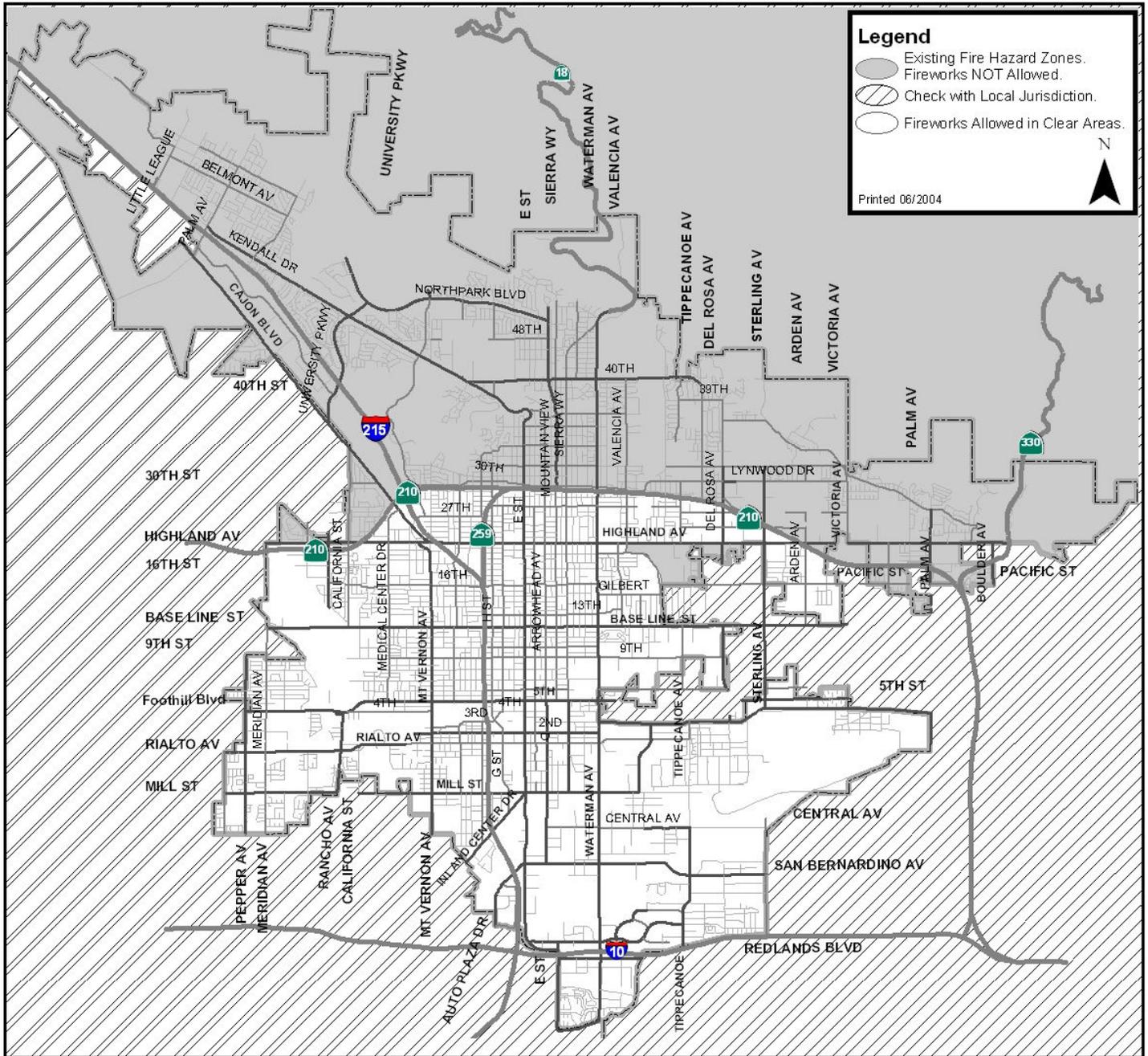
## Additional Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks can cause amputations, blinding, severe burns or death. Fireworks injured about 11,000 Americans last year, and about half of those injured were younger than 15. Improper use of fireworks or setting off illegal fireworks can cause blinding, amputations, severe burns or death. **Fireworks are dangerous!** Most victims of fireworks-related injuries have small burns on their arms and legs, or eye injuries. Each year in the United States, approximately 2,400 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for eye injuries caused by fireworks. Twenty-five percent of those injuries result in permanent vision loss or blindness. Eye injuries happen in less than a second but often cause lifelong visual impairment.

Here are some tips to avoid injuries:

- Never allow children to play with fireworks. About half of those injured are under age 15.
- Read and follow all fireworks warnings and instructions.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of an accident or fire.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface.
- Fireworks should be lit away from houses, dry leaves and flammable materials.
- Do not use bottle rockets. They are the most dangerous type of fireworks by far because they fly erratically, frequently injuring bystanders.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses or safety goggles. Regular prescription glasses, sunglasses or contact lenses provide little or no protection and can actually contribute to an injury.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time. Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

# LOCATION OF SALES AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS



IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, GROUP, ASSOCIATION, ETC., TO SELL OR IGNITE, EXPLODE, PROJECT, OR OTHERWISE FIRE OR USE, ANY FIREWORKS, OR PERMIT THE IGNITION, EXPLOSION OR PROJECTION THEREOF, AT ALL IN ANY OF THE SHADED AREAS OF THE MAP, OR IN THE CLEAR AREA, IF UPON OR OVER OR ONTO THE PROPERTY OF ANOTHER WITHOUT HIS/HER CONSENT, OR TO IGNITE, EXPLODE, PROJECT, OR OTHERWISE FIRE OR MAKE USE OF ANY FIREWORKS WITHIN TEN FEET OF ANY RESIDENT DWELLING OR OTHER STRUCTURE USED AS A PLACE OF HABITATION BY HUMAN BEINGS. YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO PURCHASE FIREWORKS.

**OFFENDERS ARE SUBJECT TO A FINE AND/OR JAIL.**

