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Home Safety

Here are some safety tips to remember this summer:

- Do not leave windows or doors open or unlocked especially when you're away. Many burglaries are non-forced entry, meaning the burglars simply walk or climb in.
- Do not leave garage carport doors open even when you're home. We keep things like tools and bicycles in our garages and are easy targets for thieves walking by.
- Use curtains or drapes to hide valuables in your home. Our homes are full of our things such TV's and gaming consoles – don't advertise them for criminals!
- Make sure to never open the door for unwelcome visitors but do make sure they know you're home by simply talking through the door. This is especially important for our children who stay home during the summer while parents are away at work.
- Alarm systems, doorbell cameras, and motion lighting are all great tools to deter crime, use them to your advantage.
- Do not advertise when you're going to be away. Summertime means vacation time for some families, so don't advertise that your home will be vacant for several days on social media.

The best way to ensure a clean and safe neighborhood is to work with your neighbors! Get to know your neighbors and set up a Neighborhood Watch in your area. For help setting your Neighborhood Watch up, please call the BPD Community Relations Unit at (661) 326-3053, or email BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us. Remember to look out for each other and always report suspicious activity.

Crime Mapping

Did you know you can check crime reports in your area, and get email updates when a crime occurs nearby? Check out www.crimemapping.com today!

Firework Safety Tips

Fireworks can only be purchased within the City limits from 12:00 p.m. July 1st through 12:01 a.m. July 5th. Remember, most accidents involve children ages 5 to 14, so close supervision is a must. Always read directions and use common sense:

- Always have an adult present.
- Always ignite outdoors away from people, structures, vehicles, dry grass or other combustibles.
- Never alter or disassemble fireworks.
- Never reignite malfunctioning fireworks or light ones that have loose fuses or leaking powder.
- Never throw fireworks at another person or animal.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Always keep a water source nearby.

To be legal in California, all fireworks must have the State of California Fire Marshal's seal and the slogan, "Safe and Sane."

All others, including "Safe and Sane" that have been modified in any manner, are illegal and will be confiscated with citations issued.



IF AN ITEM DOES NOT BEAR THIS SEAL, IT IS ILLEGAL!

REMINDER: all Piccolo Pete or other whistling-type fireworks, and Ground Bloom-type fireworks are illegal for sale or use in the City of Bakersfield.

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Watering Suggestions

Water runoff from over-irrigating your landscape is a serious problem. **Please**, for the sake of your community, monitor your watering times closely. The best time to water yards is between the evening and early morning hours. Irrigating landscaping during the day may cause losses of up to 30 percent due to evaporation. So, not only is this wasted money, but you're not doing your landscape any favors by watering during such time.

We recommend following community's water schedule as provided by Cal Water:

ODD Residences: TUES / THURS/ SAT

EVEN Residences: SUN / WED / FRI

Reporting Violations

Except in those cases where a violation is visually verified (i.e. storage of garbage containers, unauthorized architectural improvements, recreation vehicle storage in driveways, etc.), concerned homeowners may report a violation in writing and the complaint must be signed by a minimum of two (2) separate Lot Owners.

Anonymous letters or complaints will not be acted upon unless the violation can be visually verified by way of an inspection of the property.

Community Inspections

Residents may notice agents of the Management Company, conducting monthly inspections of common areas and individual lots.

Once the inspections have been completed, homeowners will receive notice addressing any deficiencies observed, with corrective action and deadline date noted. Failure to appropriately address corrective actions may result in additional action per Association rules.