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Safe Fireworks Disposal – ANY Amount of Powder is Dangerous when Dry!

More fires are reported on July 4th than any other day of the year. And HALF are started by using fireworks. Even the waste from fireworks is still dangerous when placed in or disposed of in trash.

[Even if they're already used, ANY amount of powder can catch fire, leave chemical burns, or cause contamination.](#)

Safe handling is important at all times, and that includes taking steps so they're safe to go in the trash. A few extra steps will protect you, your personal property, your Meridian Waste garbageman/woman, and the truck.

Can I put fireworks in the GARBAGE?

Yes, but FIRST they **MUST be SOAKED IN WATER** until totally saturated, then **wrapped in plastic to KEEP them wet** once they go in the trash. *(See instructions below)*

Can they be RECYCLED or added to YARD WASTE?

No. Fireworks **CANNOT be placed in Recycling or Yard Waste**. The powder and powder residue are chemicals that can:

can ignite and cause serious injuries and death, property damage, and fires, especially in summer.

- **Contaminate recycling** materials during processing.
- **Contaminate compost** (yard waste is turned into compost for gardeners).

How to Make Fireworks Safe for Disposal



STEP 1: Soak in Water

Fully submerge fireworks and fireworks waste in a large bucket of water and **soak until thoroughly SATURATED**.

Soaking them overnight should do the trick!



STEP 2: Seal in Plastic

Once saturated, drain excess water then **seal inside a plastic bag SO THEY CAN'T DRY OUT**.

Place in a resealable plastic bag, or double wrap them in plastic wrap or tied up in two plastic bags.



Step 3: Place in your TRASH Container

Fireworks waste **MUST be bagged** and **INSIDE your TRASH container**, not placed alongside.

Fireworks **CANNOT be put in Recycling or Yard Waste containers**.

Be sure to store unused fireworks in a cool, dry place, and away from electrical appliances.

You can also check with your local fire station to see if they have a collection available for unused fireworks.



If you have any questions, give us a buzz – we're here to help!

You can contact your local customer care team or fire department if you need advice about any particular fireworks: MeridianWaste.com/Find-A-Facility



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