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I read that over the 4th of July weekend in 2025, Sacramento County fire officials reported a total of 160 fires across Sacramento County.

According to Channel 40 news, this included 101 grass fires, 14 commercial fires, 16 residential fires, 22 trash fires, and 15 tree fires.

Besides the fire issues, there was a huge amount of toxic waste left on the grounds and waterways from illegal and legal fireworks. According to "Purple Air", the air quality in our County was horrible throughout the night.*

Every year animals and birds cower along with Veterans and others who do not enjoy the traumatic sounds of fireworks. Every year there are countless injuries to people who mishandle fireworks.

There is no need for people to have **personal fireworks**. If people MUST see fireworks, many parks offer shows for the general public. Other than that, no single person or group should be buying and setting off any fireworks.

Every year it gets worse. I truly hope you will do something to stop it!

Please make *all sales of fireworks* illegal in this county. The organizations that 'need' the money from the sales of fireworks can look for something healthier and more positive that can benefit our whole community.

The destruction of our air, land, and water, along with the suffering and waste that fireworks bring to our town are not what celebrating freedom is all about!

Thank you, (For fear of retaliation from fireworks lovers, I am only using my initials to sign this). KO

