



The [Macomb Township Department of Parks and Recreation](#) offers swim classes.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, or call the Recreation Center at 586-992-2900

The Parks And Recreation also has [Open Swim Hours](#) at the [Aquatics Center](#) along with water slides, a kiddie section, lap lanes and more all with Lifeguard supervision.

Individual Highlights	
Pool Safety	1
Fireworks Show Info	2
Open Burning	2
Fireworks Information	3

Drowning Risks

Summer is finally here, and that means swimming pools and spas are open and ready for use. Ponds and other natural water features can also become an enticing swim spot for children.

Every year, approximately 300 children under the

age of 5 die in pool and spa drownings according to the CPSC. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in children ages 5 and under.

The most effective thing you can do to prevent accidental drowning is keeping



an eye on children at all times. In most cases, children that died in drownings were out of sight for less than 5 minutes according to the Red Cross.

Below, we have listed some things you can do to keep your children safe around the pool this summer.

Pool Safety Tips

KEEP AN EYE ON CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES!

Taking your eye off of a child for just a matter of seconds could be enough time for them to find themselves in trouble.

Store pool chemicals in a safe place.

Never mix chemicals. Keep pool chemicals in their original containers

with the covers properly replaced.

Secure your pool with barriers and alarms.

There are several ways to assemble barriers to limit access to pools and spas by children. Gates, fences, latches, removable stairs/ladders are all good ways to prevent access. Alarms can help get your attention, as well.

Commercial nets that completely cover the surface of the pool are now available. They are easy to install, engage and disengage and are affordable options which range in price from approximately \$300-\$800 depending on options and the size and type of pool you have. You can even have them professionally installed for about 40% more.



FREE SMOKE

DETECTORS

AVAILABLE!

For more information,

call us at 586-286-

0027, email us at

fireprevention@maco

mb-mi.gov

Or, stop by your

closest Fire Station

during normal

business hours.

Fireworks



The Macomb Township Fire Department strongly discourages the use of any Consumer Grade Fireworks.

Every year, MTFD responds to fires and medical calls caused by consumer fireworks.

Fireworks displays are best left to professionals. Here are some local shows:

6/22/17: Stoney Creek Park @ Dusk

6/22/17: New Baltimore Burke Park @ 10:00 p.m.

6/23/17: Mount Clemens Riverfront @ Dusk

6/24/17: Utica Riverwalk near City Hall @ 9:45 p.m.

6/24/17: Center Line Memorial Park @ 10:00 p.m.

6/30/17: St. Clair Shores Memorial Park @ Dusk

6/30/17: Metro Beach (Lake St. Clair Metropark) @ Dusk

7/5/17: Clinton Township Civic Center @ Dusk

7/23/17: Fraser Picnic and Parade @ Dusk

Understanding Open Burning Laws

Very often, Macomb Twp. Fire and the Macomb Sheriff's Office receive complaints about [illegal burning](#) from concerned residents.

Most of the time, these issues can be avoided by [following a few guidelines](#):

Q: I live in a subdivision. Can I burn in my backyard?

A: No. Open burning within a plotted subdivision is illegal.

Q: Do I need a permit to burn?

A: Yes! An [open burning permit](#) is

required for all open burning . An [application for a burn permit](#) can be obtained by clicking [HERE](#).

Q. Are small enclosed devices allowed in subdivisions?

A. In most cases, yes. Click [HERE](#) for info.

Q: Can I burn leaves?

A: No. Leaves and organic waste are not legal to burn due to the amount of smoke and smell crated.

Q: I live in a subdivision where a builder is burning debris. Is this allowed?

A: No. Builders are not allowed to burn construction material. Contact Macomb 911 to have MTFD personnel address the issue.

Remember to be courteous to your neighbors when engaging in legal burning.

If you are in doubt or have any questions, please contact us at fireprevention@maco mb-mi.gov.



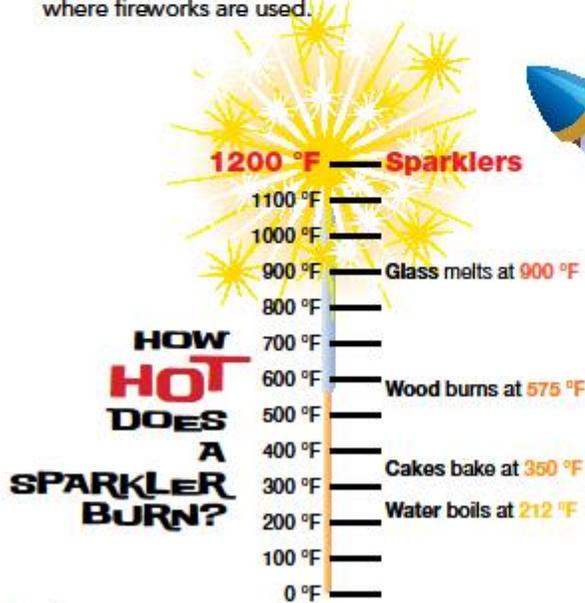
Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

BE CAREFUL!

- » Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- » Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires per year.
- ! Sparklers account for more than one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



Your Source for SAFETY Information
 NFPA Public Education Division - 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169