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CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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Reminder: Clean Up After Your Fireworks

The City of Kearney encourages residents to properly dispose of fireworks debris following private and public 4th of July celebrations. It is recommended to let used fireworks sit for several minutes and use water to make sure they are completely extinguished. A metal bucket with sand or water can be used as a temporary trash can. Cooled fireworks can be placed in regular trash for disposal.

Kearney streets are not the dumping grounds for fireworks and City staff does not pick up firework debris. Kearney's streets collect rainwater and send it, through pipes, directly to receiving waters **without** being filtered. The metals, nitrates, and sulfur that make fireworks burst and light up in the sky can easily pollute these rivers, streams and lakes. These ingredients are a recipe for disaster for fish and other creatures living in the water.

If you use fireworks, you need to use them safely and responsibly. This includes cleaning up afterward.

Check out our web site at www.cityofkearney.org.

We are sending this News Release as a service to the news media and citizens of Kearney.