



BONFIRE NIGHT 2020

In preparation for the 5th November 2020, Glasgow City Council has been working in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue Services and Police Scotland to establish an operational plan. Organised public fireworks displays will not go ahead this year due to the current pandemic and this may lead to an increased risk of unofficial bonfires within communities.

The safety of our local community and front-line emergency services staff remains paramount this 5th November. Glasgow City Council (GCC), Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue are working together, alongside local housing associations and third party organisations to ensure antisocial behaviour and disorder is minimised as much as possible.

We are reminding everyone that it is against the law to:

- light a fire in a public place if it endangers any other person (or property) or gives them reasonable cause for alarm or annoyance.
- possess fireworks if you are under 18 years old.
- throw fireworks or to set them off in a public place.
- use fireworks between 11pm and 7am (from Midnight on 5th Nov).
- cause unnecessary suffering to animals.

The cost of deliberate fire raising and unauthorised bonfires is overwhelming - and it potentially delays crews from attending more serious incidents.

Help keep your community safe:

- ✓ Please do not allow your children or young people to handle, purchase or set off fireworks.
- ✓ Report any ASB or disorder to Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency.
- ✓ Report flytipping/ potential bonfire material to GCC for removal – 0141 287 9700.
- ✓ Report any known unauthorised bonfires or firework displays to GCC, Police or Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111.
- ✓ Please report any unauthorised fireworks sellers to Police or Crimestoppers.

We have allocated additional resources to the collection of flytipping to minimise the risk of this waste being used for unofficial bonfires. This additional resource will be effective from Monday 12 October 2020 and will operate daily in the lead up to 5th November 2020.

Should you be aware of unofficial bonfires being built within your communities or flytipping, please contact the Neighbourhood Liaison Coordinator and they will arrange for this to be cleared by our operational teams.

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You can refer to the latest covid guidelines and restrictions via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.