

# Montgomery County cancels its July 4 fireworks

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Montgomery County has canceled all planned fireworks displays on July 4, the County Executive's Office announced Monday.

"I made this very difficult decision based on the ongoing need to apply county police, fire and rescue, transportation and other county resources to help our residents who continue to be severely impacted by this recent storm," said County Executive Ike Leggett, referencing the storm Friday night's killer storm that caused widespread power outages across the region.

The planned site of one of the county's two displays, Einstein High School in Kensington, is also very hazardous for the time being because of debris and tree limbs that continue to lodge free, according to a county statement.

The other display was planned for the Maryland SoccerPlex in the South Germantown Recreational Park.

Gaithersburg also canceled its Independence Day celebration, including fireworks, though they might do them at a later date. According to county spokesman Patrick Lacefield, "Gaithersburg has a couple hundred Pepco trucks parked on their shoot site."

The city of Rockville has also canceled its fireworks display.

Takoma Park also typically does its own display, which Lacefield did not believe had been canceled.

Residents are not permitted to shoot their own fireworks since fireworks are banned across the county.