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FOUNTAINS: Cone or flat-based fountains (e.g. Diwali Anar Fountain, UFO Fountain, Night Cat, etc.) should be placed on a flat, firm surface for lighting, unless otherwise indicated on the product packaging. Fountains without a standing base (e.g. Carmel Fountain, Dragon Fountain) must be placed firmly into dirt or sand before lighting. You do not have to 'open' a Fountain from its cardboard tube or package: simply remove the foil or tape from the fuse and ignite.

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WHEELS: Wheels must be nailed securely to a fence, post or other support before ignition (nail is included with item). Make certain that the wheel has spinning clearance—so that it turns freely—prior to ignition. Wheels spray a shower of sparks to a smaller or greater degree depending on the size of the item. It is not recommended to affix a wheel to a tree because of the danger of setting leaves on fire. Wheels may leave burn mark behind them after use.

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SOUND SHELLS & SKYROCKETS: Air Bombs, Not Bottle Rockets, Whistle Bombs, etc. go point-end in the ground. Make certain that the item is securely in place before lighting.

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ROMAN CANDLES: Candles should always be buried up to ½ of their length in sand or dirt, pointing straight up or at a slight (e.g. 10 degree) angle away from the spectators. Never hold a lighted Roman Candle in your hand. Never aim it at another person or at an animal or object. The fuse is at the top of the item.

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BARRAGES: Barrages have their wicks at the top, usually taped down. To ignite: plant the firework ½ way into the ground, remove the tape or protective foil from the wick and then flip the wick up. As with Roman Candles, tear away some of the paper around the wick for easier ignition if applicable.

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BRAZILIAN-TYPE FIREWORKS: Tubular Brazilian fireworks like Rave or Whistling Dixie have the fuse on the side of the item, a few inches up from the bottom. The hollow end of the tube is 'up'. Plant the firework a few inches into the sand or dirt, almost up to the fuse. Remove the tape from the wick (if applicable). Light & retreat quickly.

MORTAR SHELLS: These plastic-based fireworks are meant to stand freely on a flat, firm surface. If the ground is uneven or frozen then you can place item on a board or other flat platform. The 'brick method' (depicted at right) is by far the safest way to ignite a Mortar Shell, since this will ensure that the item remains stationary when firing. If you wish to angle your Mortar (e.g. 10 degrees over water or away from spectators) then secure it in a bucket of sand: bury the base of the Mortar up to the fuse.

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MULTI-SHOT CAKES: The fuse of these multi-tubed, round, triangular or square fireworks (Hot Tamali, Jurassic, Terminator, etc.) is either on the top or side of the item. Bury ½ of the Cake in sand or dirt or secure it by surrounding it with rocks, bricks or cement blocks to prevent tipping. *** Always read the directions on the product packaging. For example, Fanning Fireworks will indicate the direction of effects, instructing you to position one side or the other toward the audience for proper viewing.

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