

The *AIP Matters* editorial staff wishes you an enjoyable 4th of July weekend. See the [mix of nature's elements](#) that makes fireworks so visually spectacular.



Barium is used to make green fireworks.



Copper chloride produces blue.



Lithium and strontium generate red hues.

*AIP Matters* will resume on Monday, July 11.

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