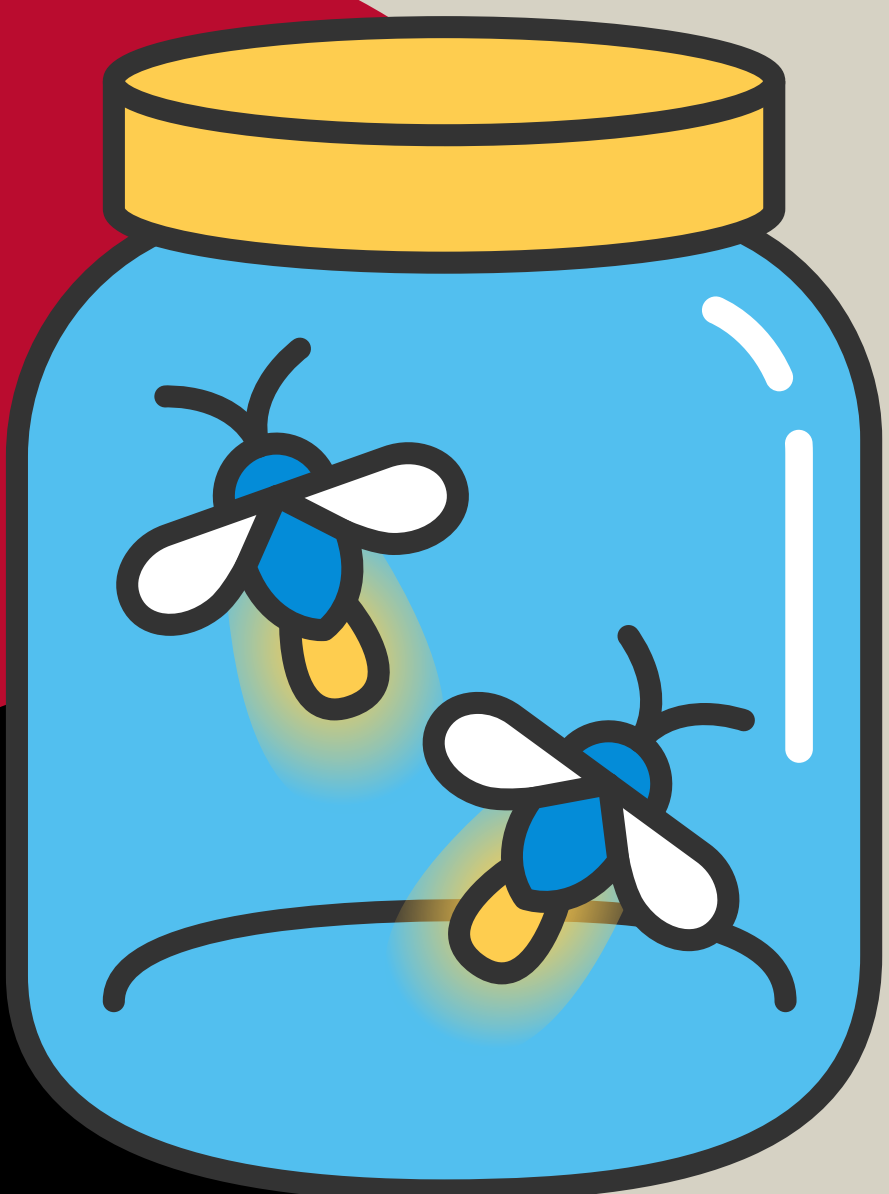




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# HOW TO SAFELY VIEW FIREFLIES



## 01. FIND A LARGE CLEAR JAR

## 02. CREATE AIR HOLES

Safely put holes in the lid of the jar. This will ensure the firefly has plenty of oxygen.

## 03. CAREFULLY CATCH A FIREFLY

Carefully capture a firefly. Remember, these are delicate insects with fragile legs and you don't want to hurt or damage the insect in any way.

## 04. PUT THE LID ON

Quickly, put the lid on the jar. Do **NOT** shake the jar!

## 05. LOOK AT THE FIREFLY

Enjoy looking at the firefly up close. Can you find the lanterns on the underside of the insect, on its abdomen? Do you see the hard wings, called elytra, on the top of the firefly? What stands out to you?

## 06. RELEASE THE FIREFLY

After a few minutes, unscrew the lid and let the firefly go. Don't keep the firefly in the jar for more than just a few minutes.

## 07. PROTECT LOCAL FIREFLIES

Ensure you are protecting the fireflies in your area. One easy way to do this is to consider turning your outdoor lights off at night. Nighttime artificial lighting confuses the fireflies.

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