4th of July Fireworks Restrictions

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County/City Ban or Restricted Discharge Period

RCW 70.77.395 states Fireworks may used and discharged on the following dates and times unless the local jurisdiction has a restriction.

Jurisdictions with NO restrictions may use & discharge fireworks from:

- Noon to 11pm on June 28th
- 9am – 11pm from June 29th - July 3rd
- 9am to midnight on July 4th
- 9am -11pm on July 5th

Grays Harbor County

FIREWORKS AND RECREATIONAL BURNING RESTRICTIONS

- If discharging fireworks along the beaches, remember to be 100+ feet away from the dunes, move closer to the water and always point towards the ocean to prevent sparks from landing in the dry dune areas.
- Use extreme caution when discharging fireworks around other people, pets and children.
- DO NOT drink adult beverages and discharge fireworks. Countless injuries occur each year linking alcohol consumption and discharging fireworks.
- Please DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE. Designate a driver to transport everyone home safely from your holiday activities.
• Please be courteous and remove your debris when you leave the beach. Soak all fireworks debris in water and dispose of it properly. **DO NOT** put fireworks debris in your car or in trash receptacles unless it has been thoroughly soaked in water.

• **Japanese Lanterns (paper, floating or Chinese Lanterns) are prohibited in** Grays Harbor County! **Japanese Lanterns (paper, floating or Chinese Lanterns) are essentially unmanned hot air balloons and a person cannot constantly attend the flame inside the lantern as it rises in the sky and floats away, they would be in violation of outdoor burning rules as stated in WAC 173-425-060(5)(c)(vi).** “A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it.”

**Aberdeen** – **Restricted** – DISCHARGE ONLY on July 4th, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight

**Cosmopolis** – **Restricted** – DISCHARGE ONLY on July 4th, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight

**Elma** – None

**Grayland** - None

**Hoquiam** - **Restricted** - July 3rd & July 4th, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight

**McCleary** - None

**Montesano** - None

**Oakville** - None

**Ocean Shores** – **Restricted** - July 2nd & 3rd, Noon to 11 p.m. & July 4th, Noon to midnight

**Unincorporated Grays Harbor County** - None

**Westport** - **Restricted** - Discharge only along the beach at Half Moon Bay, July 4th, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Discharge must be at least 200 feet west of the beach grass line

**Fireworks Information Center**

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**
Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. 230 people on average go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths in your community.

Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - not enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.