

## Fireworks Safety Reminders



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### **FIREWORKS SAFETY REMINDERS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY**

GREAT FALLS, Montana – The City of Great Falls wants everyone to enjoy their Fourth of July Holiday and encourages residents to use common sense and take safety precautions around fireworks. Don't have your Independence Day celebration spoiled with injuries, fires, fines or upset neighbors.

Here are a few safety tips to help residents have an enjoyable and safe celebration:

- Fireworks should only be used outdoors.
- Residents should obey all laws pertaining to fireworks usage.
- Always have water handy. (garden hose or bucket).
- Only use fireworks as intended.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks.

Fireworks are only allowed to be discharged within the Great Falls City limits July 2, 3 and 4 from 8 a.m. to midnight. Fireworks can only be set off on private property and are not allowed in parks, streets, cul-de-sacs or public parking lots. County locations are not governed by City Ordinance. Pursuant to State statute, Sky Rockets, Roman Candles and Bottle Rockets are not "permissible fireworks."

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Please be courteous to your neighbors, as noise and litter ordinances are always in effect. Residents are encouraged to view the full City Ordinance relating to fireworks (see attachment below or go to Article 90 - Fireworks in the City Code). It is illegal to leave debris from discharged fireworks on public places or property not owned by the individual discharging the fireworks.

The City of Great Falls wants everyone to have a safe and responsible Fourth of July. Please contact Great Falls Fire Rescue at 727-8070 if you have questions regarding fireworks safety.

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### Supporting Documents

 [Article 90 - Fireworks \(City Code\)](#) (120 KB) (PDF)

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