

Fireworks - - New Year's Eve



Title 9, Chapter 9 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) sets forth that fireworks may be discharged on December 31 from 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on January 1. Fireworks may not be sold within the incorporated city limits.

Permissible fireworks are only for use on private property and are not allowed to be discharged in any city park or on any public sidewalk, street, public right-of-way, or public parking lots.

Pursuant to State statute, Sky Rockets, Roman Candles and Bottle Rockets are not “permissible fireworks.”

It shall be illegal for anyone to leave debris from discharged fireworks on any public place including but not limited to parks, sidewalks, streets, alleys, or on private property not owned by the individual discharging the fireworks.

FINES ARE STEEP . . .

1st Offense	\$100
2nd Offense	\$200
3rd Offense	\$300
4th Offense	\$1,000

Don't have your New Year's Eve celebration spoiled with fines and upset neighbors. This law will be enforced.

GENERAL FIREWORKS SAFETY RULES

- Follow label directions and use common sense.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Do not alter fireworks. Not only are altered fireworks dangerous, they can be classified as illegal.
- Never carry fireworks in pockets or shoot them in metal or glass containers.
- If an item does not work, leave it alone. Do not try to relight it. Pour water on it.
- A responsible adult should always closely supervise all fireworks activities.
- Always clean up used fireworks when finished.
- Injury and fires can result from not using a solid flat level surface.
- Have a bucket of water or a water hose nearby.

GREAT FALLS FIREWORKS RULES

All family or consumer fireworks (1.4g) except stick rockets and roman candles are allowed to be discharged in the City between 10:00 p.m. on December 31st to 12:30 a.m. on January 1st. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, or custodian of any child, the child being age seven (7) or younger, to permit or consent to the possession or discharge by the child of any fireworks as defined herein, unless that parent, guardian or custodian

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be in direct supervision of the child at the time of discharge. "Direct supervision" means the overall direction and control of an individual and requires the individual furnishing direct supervision to be present and immediately available to furnish assistance while he or she is in possession of or is discharging any and all fireworks. Direct supervision also requires the individual directly supervising to control the application of flame or other means of discharge of the firework and must be no greater than ten (10) feet away from the individual being directly supervised at time of the firework's discharge.

Follow the law, have fun and stay safe.

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