



FIREWORKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROE

**FIREWORKS MAY BE DISCHARGED ON JULY 4TH
BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT**

**NO FIREWORKS MAY BE
DISCHARGED ON CITY PROPERTY
OR IN ANY CITY PARK, INCLUDING
PARKING LOTS**

EMERGENCY: CALL 911

- A firework has started a fire
- I burned myself when lighting off a firework
- I found a short piece of pipe with a fuse coming out of it
 - o Homemade fireworks are illegal in the State of Washington
- My neighbor is making fireworks in their garage

NON-EMERGENCY: CALL 425-407-3999

- My neighbor is lighting off fireworks illegally
- Someone is lighting off fireworks after midnight
- My neighbors are having a party and lighting off fireworks in a banned area
- It's July 5th and someone is still lighting off fireworks

Fireworks Safety:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Always light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from any buildings, dry grass or vegetation, or other flammable materials.
- Remember that alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be very frightened or stressed by the Fourth of July and other big celebrations. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

Frequently Asked Questions:

As you review these FAQs, please note that fireworks can be regulated differently in every city. Counties do not regulate fireworks in cities, so areas outside of a city may have different fireworks regulations than a city. The following responses are specific to the City of Monroe:

Question 1: Can the City of Monroe prohibit fireworks in Monroe for this July 4?

Response: No. The Monroe City Council may adopt laws to prohibit the use and sale of fireworks, but State Law restricts fireworks laws from becoming effective for one year. For example, if the City Council adopted new laws related to fireworks on July 5, 2022, the law would not be effective until July 5, 2023, and would be in place for Fourth of July 2024.

Question 2: Can the Mayor of Monroe declare an emergency to prohibit fireworks immediately?

Response: No. The Monroe City Council has not adopted laws that would authorize the mayor or qualified staff to prohibit fireworks sales or use. Should Council adopt provisions like this into code, State Law would restrict the law from becoming effective for one year (see response to question 1 above). Also, State Law does not authorize a mayor to declare an emergency to prohibit the use or sale of fireworks.

Question 3: How can someone share their concerns about, support for, or opposition to changes to the City's fireworks regulations?

Response: While City staff and the Mayor share comments with the City Councilmembers, please consider sending comments directly to Monroe City Councilmembers by emailing councilmembers@monroewa.gov.

Question 4: How can someone share their concerns about, support for, or opposition to changes to the State's fireworks laws?

Response: While the City Council can change the City's fireworks laws, there are fireworks laws at the State level that affect fireworks laws at the local level. Please consider sending comments directly to our State Senator and two State Representatives.

State Senator Keith Wagoner	Email: keith.wagoner@leg.wa.gov
State Representative Carolyn Eslick	Email: Carolyn.Eslick@leg.wa.gov
State Representative Robert Sutherland	Email: Robert.Sutherland@leg.wa.gov