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Fireworks Regulations, Sales and Discharge

CAMAS, Wash. – In advance of the upcoming summer season, the Camas-Washougal Fire Marshal's Office is reminding residents that consumer fireworks can only be discharged, July 4 in Camas and Washougal. Additionally, a 2017 ordinance limits fireworks use in Washougal to safe and sane fireworks only.

Any fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than six feet on the ground or one foot into the air (such as mortars and roman candles) do not fit the definition of safe and sane, and are illegal for use in the city limits of Washougal.

To combat the illegal use of fireworks, fire and police personnel will be patrolling neighborhoods. Camas-Washougal Fire Marshal Ron Schumacher cautions that using illegal fireworks or discharging fireworks outside of legally permitted dates and times may result in a fine and/or confiscation.

"The penalties start at \$250 for the first offense, \$500 fine for a second offense," Schumacher said. "There's \$750 fine for a third offense and \$1,000 fine for each subsequent offense within a three-year period," he said.

Fireworks stands in both Camas and Washougal will be open July 2- July 4 from 9 a.m. – 11 p.m., and in Camas again on July 5 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. The Fire Marshal's office has provided these safety tips to ensure everyone can enjoy their legal fireworks in a safe manner:

- Be courteous and let neighbors know when you plan to use the fireworks
- Be prepared in case of fire and have a pre-connected garden hose on-hand
- Use fireworks on flat, hard surfaces away from buildings, vehicles, dry brush and bystanders
- Place discharged fireworks in a bucket full of water overnight
- Closely supervise children and pets and do not let children ignite fireworks
- Beware of sparklers, as they can cause serious burns or catch clothes on fire
- Clean up any trash left behind by fireworks

Schumacher also cautioned residents to be aware of summer weather conditions and reminds those who choose to discharge fireworks to be vigilant with fireworks safety.

For complaints, Officials with Clark County are asking residents to not call 911 OR 311, unless there is an emergency. Instead, residents with complaints related to 4th of July activities in Clark County can call (360) 597-7888.

July 3rd and 4th are the busiest times for area 9-1-1 dispatch center and First Responders with call volume tripling. Injuries and fires will take priorities, and other regular calls for service are still happening and need to be addressed such as medical calls and car accidents. Please note, there may also be delays in response due to extreme call volume.

What can you do?

- Talk to your neighbors first
- Prepare your household for the reality that people will use fireworks
- Remember fireworks are legal in many portions of Clark County

If you witness or see something on fire, or if there is a medical or life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1.

For up-to-date firework information:

<https://www.cityofcamas.us/fire-ems/page/fireworks-safety>

Legal Dates/Times for Fireworks Sales and Discharge - Camas and Washougal:

<https://gov.publicstuff.com/content/KB/1000022/view/53184>

Camas Residents - Complete List of Legal Consumer Fireworks:

<https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Consumer-Fireworks-Legal-in-Washington.pdf>

Washougal Residents - Complete List of Safe and Sane Fireworks:

<https://www.cityofwashougal.us/589/Firework-Safety-Sales-Discharge>

Unsure if you're in the city limits?

<https://clark.wa.gov/code-administration/fireworks>