

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE



& ORION TOWNSHIP



FIREWORKS FACTS SHEET



The use of legally purchased fireworks are allowed on the day before, the day of and the day after the following national holidays:

- New Year's Day- January 1st
- Martin Luther King Day- 3rd Monday of January
- Presidents Day- 3rd Monday of February
- Memorial Day- 4th Monday of May
- Independence Day- July 4th
- Labor Day- 1st Monday of September
- Columbus Day- 2nd Monday of October
- Veterans Day- November 11th
- Thanksgiving- 4th Thursday of November
- Christmas Day- December 25th



Any person violating our local ordinance could be charged with a civil infraction or misdemeanor with fines up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.



Excessive use that results in the disruption to residents is prohibited. Excessive use is defined as conduct that includes the continuous or intermittent ignition of fireworks continuing for more than 20 minutes during the hours of 10:30 PM to 11:00 AM

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Fireworks are defined as any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun or a flare designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration or detonation. **Consumer fireworks** are defined as devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion and labeled as such under the US consumer safety commission and may be set off the day before, the day of and the day after national holidays (see list on front). **Display fireworks** are defined as large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in firework displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation and must be approved by Orion Township through an application process. **Low impact & novelty fireworks** are defined as devices that do not leave the ground or are hand held (sparklers) and are restricted to the hours between 11:00 AM to 10:30 PM, except on the day before, the day of and the day after the national holidays (see list on front).

The following restrictions apply to all fireworks:

- ...On any day, the use, discharge or ignition of any fireworks is prohibited in public parks, or any other public property, including streets, sidewalks, easements and right-of-ways, school or churches. Violations of this are *civil infractions* and fines not more than \$500 could be imposed.
- ... Shall not be ignited within 20 feet of an open flame, a burner, gasoline, ignited gas or electric grill, or in any enclosed structure, garage, tent, or shed or under any canopy or overhanging cover, of any nature.
- ... No person shall either individually or in concert with another Person, cause damage to any private or public property by the use, discharge or ignition of any fireworks.
- ...No consumers fireworks may be ignited, launched, discharged with 30 feet of a residential building or vehicle.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Parents should not allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise fireworks.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.
- Never attempt to alter or modify consumer fireworks and only use them in the manner in which they were intended.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves and other materials that can easily catch on fire.
- Light fireworks one at a time. Keep the fireworks you're lighting well away from unlit fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- If someone gets an eye injury from fireworks, don't rub the eye or attempt to wash it out. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. It could make the difference between saving a person's sight and permanent blindness.