



# Utah County Fire Marshal

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The Utah County Fire Marshal's office would like to remind everyone to use extreme care with fireworks during the July holidays.

Legal fireworks will be allowed in non Urban-Wildland unincorporated Utah County to celebrate the Fourth of July, and Pioneer day holidays. Fireworks may be discharged July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 11 PM. Discharge hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be extended to midnight.

Fireworks shall not be used or possessed in any Urban-Wildland Interface area. (Utah County Code 9-6-8, Ord. 2010-29, 11-2-10.) A map showing the restricted areas can be accessed at [www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal](http://www.utahcounty.gov/firemarshal).

Fireworks deemed illegal by the State of Utah are never allowed and will be confiscated by the Sheriff or Fire Department. Only use fireworks purchased in the State of Utah from licensed pyrotechnic vendors. If you purchased fireworks out of state, they are likely not legal in Utah. Citations will be issued for the possession of illegal fireworks.

Many incorporated cities within Utah County have restrictions as well. Be sure to check for local restrictions before using fireworks. Additionally, there are numerous firework restrictions throughout Utah State public lands, BLM lands, and Forest Service lands. Details of restrictions can be found at [utahfireinfo.gov](http://utahfireinfo.gov).

Any person responsible for the existence or spread of a wildland fire, or any other fire, on public or private property, necessitating suppression action shall be liable for the payment of the costs of the suppression action. (Utah County Code 9-1-9, Ord. 2011-24, 6-28-11).

The lighting of fireworks during the Independence Day and Pioneer Day holidays this time of year has become a tradition with many families. If families act responsibly with legal firework activities they should have an enjoyable holiday. The vast majority of legal displays occur without incident. The majority of fire incidents that occur are a result of illegal or improper firework discharges. Be smart, safe, and responsible and have an enjoyable summer holiday season.

Jack Snow  
Utah County Fire Marshal

#### Helpful Safety Tips:

- A responsible adult should be present for all discharging of fireworks.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Light the fireworks in an open area and on a non-combustible surface such as a driveway or paved area.
- If windy conditions exist do not light fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water available.
- Handle used and "dud" fireworks with a shovel.
- Soak fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water or hose prior to disposal.
- Keep clear while lighting fireworks and do not lean over them at any time.
- Do not relight or alter fireworks.
- Watch out for your pets and animals. Preferably keep them indoors and away from the displays.
- Check for any restrictions that may apply to your area by contacting your local fire department and by visiting [utahfireinfo.gov](http://utahfireinfo.gov).