



FIREWORKS INFORMATION 2023

Find more information on fireworks use, including safety tips, at the [Fireworks Safety](https://www.getprepared.in.gov) page on [GetPrepared.in.gov](https://www.getprepared.in.gov).

Location

In general, consumer fireworks may only be used at:

- Special discharge locations;
- The property of the person using the firework; or
- The property of another who has given the individual permission to use fireworks on their property.

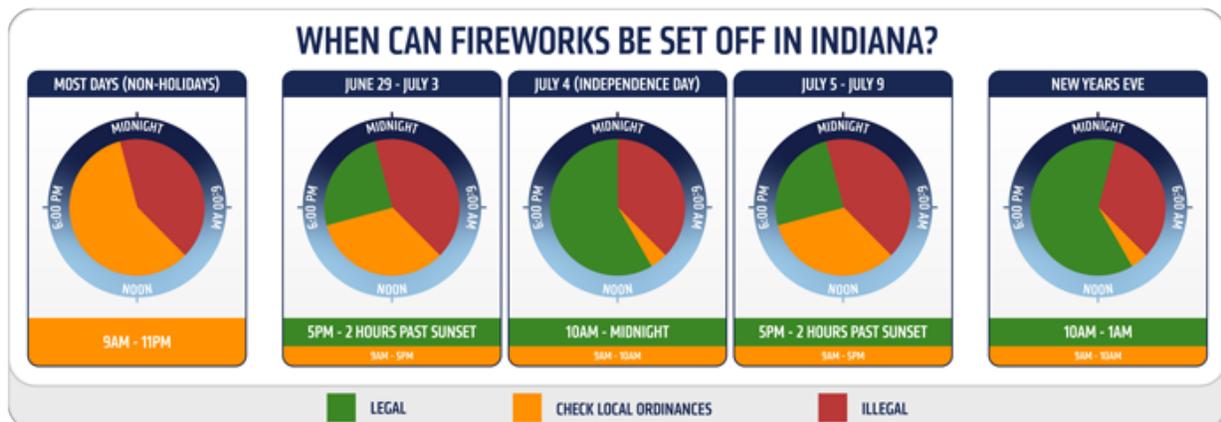
The City of Greencastle would like to remind the public that fireworks are not to be used on any city property. City property includes public streets, public sidewalks, parks, public parking lots and any other property owned by the City of Greencastle.

However, please note that a person who sets off fireworks, even in a legal location, may still be held liable for any resulting injuries or damage caused to another person or their property.

Age

Fireworks may only be used or possessed by individuals who are 18 or older unless an adult is present and responsible at the location of possession or use.

Dates and Times



Generally, [state statute](#) prohibits a person from igniting, discharging, or using consumer fireworks after 11 p.m. or before 9 a.m. On holidays, as defined in [Indiana Code 1-1-9-1\(a\)](#), a person may not ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks after midnight or before 9 a.m. For New Year's Eve, a person can ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks from 10 a.m. until midnight December 31 and until 1 a.m. January 1 (but not between 1 and 9 a.m. January 1).

Please be aware local ordinances may limit the time frame for use of consumer fireworks even further. However, the following time frames are protected times when the use of consumer fireworks are not prohibited by state statute and [may not be prohibited by local ordinance](#):

- June 29 through July 3 and July 5 through July 9 between 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset
- July 4 between 10 a.m. and midnight
- December 31 after 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. January 1

Use of Sky Lanterns

Sky lanterns are not allowed to be released into the sky without having an anchor or being tethered so that they cannot freely lift into the atmosphere. See section 308.1.6.3 of the Indiana Fire Code, available at [Indiana Administrative Code database](#) (Article 22).

Fireworks can brighten celebrations, and proper fireworks use can protect you and others from injury to help keep the festivities going longer. Whether you plan to purchase fireworks, use them or observe a display, remember the following.

Buy the Right Fireworks

Did you know there are primarily two types of fireworks? The most common are **consumer fireworks** (1.4g fireworks), which are small devices and frequently sold at retail fireworks stores statewide. The other kind of fireworks, called **display fireworks** (1.3g fireworks), are not legal without state and federal permits. These are more powerful fireworks meant for large displays or shows, and they are banned in many states.

Display fireworks can only be transported or received by those who have the valid permitting, and they must be stored in a special type of container meant for explosives. Makers of display fireworks are required to have a license to do so, but many are made illegally and can be poorly made. These fireworks can cause injury or death when ignited, either accidentally or intentionally. They often look the same as consumer fireworks, but here are **indicators that a firework may be illegal** for consumers:

- Fireworks in brown paper wrapping instead of cellophane
- Items in boxes that have no graphics or markings
- A firework that is being sold in a non-commercial location, such as a vehicle or residence
- Seller has no evidence of a receipt or commercial packaging



- Seller cannot say where the firework was originally purchased

If you recognize any of these signs, do not purchase them. Report the seller to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) at 1-888-283-2662.

Note: *Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s or silver salutes, M-250s, M-1000s or quarter sticks are illegal and should also be reported to law enforcement.*

Respect Others and the Law

Although many Hoosiers find fireworks entertaining, they can be overwhelming for many people, pets and wild animals. Remember to **be considerate** of individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other types of medical conditions. The loud, unexpected sounds caused by fireworks may trigger their symptoms. Late-night fireworks can also disrupt many people's sleep. Similarly, pets and wild animals can also be sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights and strong smells. Many react in fear — hiding, shaking, barking or running away to escape the stressful environment. Take precautions to avoid upsetting neighbors and animals.

Fireworks Laws

Become more familiar with the state fireworks laws in Indiana. It is also important to **check local ordinances** for any fireworks limitations that might exist in the area:

- Fireworks can only be purchased by persons 18 years of age or older.
- Fireworks use is limited to personal property, the property of someone who has approved the use of fireworks or a location designated specifically for the use of consumer fireworks.
- Throughout the year it is legal in Indiana to set off fireworks from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., but this may be limited further by local ordinances. Citizens should check with local officials.
- On state holidays it is legal to set off fireworks from 9 a.m. to midnight, but this may be limited further by local ordinances.
- The times on the following dates are protected in Indiana for consumer use of fireworks and may not be prohibited by local ordinance:

- **June 29 to July 3:** from 5 p.m. until two hours after sunset;
 - **July 4:** from 10 a.m. to midnight;
 - **July 5 to July 9:** from 5 p.m. until two hours after sunset; and
 - **December 31:** from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
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- All public fireworks displays must receive a state permit, which includes approval by the chief of the local fire department. A permit is needed not only to conduct the display, but also to possess and transport the fireworks used in these shows.
 - All fireworks manufacturers, distributors and sellers in Indiana are required to receive state permits. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) inspects these locations as part of the permitting process.