

## **Fireworks FAQ**

➤ **When can I discharge fireworks in Island County?**

Consumer fireworks may only be lawfully discharged within the unincorporated areas of Island County during the following periods of time:

- **July 3 - between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.**
- **July 4 - between 9:00 a.m. and 12 midnight**
- **July 5 - between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.**
- **December 31 - between 6:00 p.m. through 1:00 a.m. on January 1**

➤ **Can I discharge fireworks in County Parks?**

No. See [Section 9.40.420](#) of Island County Code.

➤ **Can I discharge fireworks during a Burn Ban?**

The Fire Marshall, who is our elected Island County Sheriff, is responsible for declaring a burn ban including the start and end date, and the type of ban that is in effect.

Fireworks are only impacted by **Type II Burn Bans**. Type I burn bans still allow the discharge of Fireworks.

It is important to note, however, that the moment a Type II burn ban is declared, the discharge of fireworks is no longer allowed, even if it is within legal discharge days. ([Section 9.08A.050](#))

➤ **I live in Oak Harbor, Langley or Coupeville do they have different rules?**

Yes. Please check with your local municipality to ensure you know the dates and times for allowable discharge. The rules may be more (or less) restrictive than the County's.

➤ **Wait, what about Camano Island, do we have different rules?**

Nice try Camano, you are a part of Island County ☺

➤ **Things to think about for fireworks lovers.**

For those of us (like me) who value the time-honored tradition of fireworks, it is important to recognize that fireworks can also be distressing to others in our community. Here are some thoughts to keep in mind:

1. Safety first (Here is a great link from the City of Oak Harbor on Fireworks Safety) [https://www.oakharbor.org/uploads/documents/9358flyer\\_fireworks\\_safety.pdf](https://www.oakharbor.org/uploads/documents/9358flyer_fireworks_safety.pdf)
2. Respect private property (including being aware of where your fireworks land)
3. Pick up all the debris left behind by fireworks, be especially sensitive to the impacts on the shorelines
4. Never point fireworks at someone or behave recklessly, every celebration ceases to be fun for those around you when they feel unsafe.
5. Be sensitive to pets, young children and babies, individuals with autism, and those who may be dealing with PTSD (among others). If you can, communicate with your neighbors about when you plan on shooting off fireworks to allow them time to prepare or make other plans if they are adversely impacted.

➤ **Are there any local professional fireworks displays I can attend?**

YES! Check these out...

- **Freeland**  
July 3, Freeland Park  
10:30 p.m.(ish)
- **Oak Harbor**  
July 4, Windjammer Park  
10:30 p.m.(ish)
- **La Conner (near Camano Island)**  
July 4, Swinomish Channel  
10:00 p.m.(ish)