

Fireworks Safety and Regulation Information 2020

Safety Information

- Be extra careful with sparklers:
 - Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200-1,800 degrees. How about letting your young children use glow sticks instead? They can be just as fun but they don't burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.
 - Always closely supervise children around fireworks.
- Take necessary precautions:
 - Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
 - Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
 - Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances.
- Pet safety:
 - Do not bring your pet to a fireworks display; keep your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound of fireworks.
 - Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.
- For further details on fireworks including safety and security information, refer to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF):
 - <https://www.atf.gov/explosives/fireworks>

Illegal Explosives/Reporting

- Illegal explosives are inherently dangerous and homemade explosives can pose a particular risk due to lack of knowledge and experience in manufacturing. ATF asks that the public report the manufacture or sale of illegal fireworks by calling the toll-free hotline at 1-888-283-2662 or reporting to local law enforcement.

Statewide Laws:

- Saturday, June 27 – Sunday, July 5, 2020 is the legal period to discharge permissible fireworks. Permissible fireworks are “consumer fireworks” – the small fireworks usually sold at stands around the 4th of July. (Per South Dakota codified law, it is unlawful/illegal/prohibited for a person to discharge fireworks in this state except during the period beginning June 27 – the end of the first Sunday after July 4th and during the period beginning December 28 -January 1.)
 - A violation of this law is a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- Additional regulations may apply based on certain City and/or County ordinances. See below or contact local Sheriff's office or Police department for the laws in your area/additional questions.
- Fireworks are unlawful/illegal/prohibited on public lands: every forest, every campsite, every day.
 - Discharging fireworks is unlawful/illegal/prohibited on all lands owned or leased by Game Fish and Parks.
 - The ban includes State Parks, Recreation Areas, Lakeside Use Areas, Game Production Areas and Nature Areas.
 - Discharging fireworks is also unlawful/illegal/prohibited within the boundaries of the Black Hills Forest Fire Protection District, as well at National Forests and National Parks in South Dakota.
- For further details on fireworks including safety and security information, refer to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF):
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Overview for Black Hills:

- If you reside within the Black Hills Fire Protection District fireworks are unlawful/illegal/prohibited. A class 1 misdemeanor will be issued for any fireworks shot in this area.
 - Specifics below on dates and locations where discharging is permitted.
- For more information on fire prevention and a map of the Black Hills Fire Protection District visit the State of South Dakota Wildland Fire webpage:
 - <http://wildlandfire.sd.gov/fireprevention/prevention.aspx>

Specifics within Pennington County

- Areas outside of Municipality and not in Black Hills Protection District – discharge of fireworks is allowed when grassland fire index conditions are low, moderate, or high, can discharge from June 27 – July 5.
- Emergency Services Communication Center will again host a special line dedicated to information related to fireworks: what is legal, where, and public displays. **The public may call (605) 394-2151, option 9, for answers to fireworks related questions.** And the website specifically is <https://www.pennco.org/fireworks>
- **Cities/Communities within Pennington:**
 - Rapid City – No discharge of fireworks is permitted inside the city limits or one (1) mile outside the city limits, except “novelty” type. “Novelty” is loosely defined as snaps, caps, pull-a-parts, and fireworks you can toss on the ground. If you need further clarification contact: Rapid City Fire Department, Fire and Life Safety Division (605) 394-5233. Use of illegal fireworks is punishable by a fine, jail time, or both. For more information on ordinances, refer to the Rapid City Website. Pennington County deputies are planning to have an increased evening presence in areas within the one-mile radius of the city limits of Rapid City, including portions of Rapid Valley. Citations may be issued after 11:00pm or any time of day when someone is reckless or negligent with fireworks.
 - Hill City – No discharge of fireworks within city limits; they are unlawful/illegal/prohibited.
 - Keystone – No discharge of fireworks within city limits; they are unlawful/illegal/prohibited.
 - Wall – No discharge of fireworks within city limits; they are unlawful/illegal/prohibited.
 - New Underwood – Discharge of fireworks is allowed June 27 – July 5
 - Box Elder – Discharge of fireworks is allowed July 3 – July 5; 9:00am – 11:00pm

Specifics within Butte County

- Residents may discharge fireworks through July 5 on private land
- **Belle Fourche** – Discharge of fireworks is allowed from 10:00am – 11:00pm, July 1-4. No fireworks are allowed in Belle Fourche Reservoir

Specifics within Lawrence County

- Fireworks are unlawful/illegal/prohibited within Black Hills Fire Protection District, south of Interstate 90 and on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Fireworks may be shot off on private land north of Interstate 90 when grassland fire index is low, moderate, or high but prohibited on public land north of the interstate.
- **Cities/Communities within Lawrence:**
 - Lead – does not permit fireworks within city boundaries (except with permit from fire chief)
 - Deadwood – discharge of personal fireworks is unlawful/illegal/prohibited within city limits
 - Spearfish — personal fireworks unlawful/illegal/prohibited
 - Whitewood – personal fireworks are allowed 11:00am – 11:00pm from July 1-5 at Memorial Park

Specifics within Meade County

- Fireworks are permitted until July 8 within Meade County, but aren't permitted in Black Hills Fire protection area, south of interstate 90 or on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management
- **Sturgis** – personal fireworks are allowed 8:00am – 10:00pm on July 3 and from 8:00am – 12midnight on July 4

Other areas:

Specifics withing Brandon

- As of June 2020, use of 1.4G fireworks purchased within South Dakota will be permitted in Brandon on July 3 and 4 from 10:00am – 11:00pm. This includes consumer fireworks intended for use by the general public, including single and multiple shot ariels, rockets, roman candles and fountains.

Specifics within Sioux Falls

- Within the city limits of Sioux Falls, fireworks are unlawful/illegal/prohibited with the exception of sparklers, snakes, and other fireworks that don't have a projectile or launching component. Use of illegal fireworks can result in a citation.

The best and safest way to enjoy fireworks is to go to a public firework display and leave the lighting to the professionals. Check out this list of 4th of July Celebration Event Information [here](#).

For more information, call 211 or search our online database:

- www.helplinecenter.org/211database
 - Use the following keyword search terms:
 - Fireworks Regulation
 - Fireworks Safety Education
 - Sheriff
 - Municipal Police

Sources:

- City of Sioux Falls Firework Ordinances: <https://www.siouxfalls.org/fire/fireworks-safety>
- City of Brandon Firework Ordinances: <https://cityofbrandon.org/index.asp?SEC=11706EC2-4A1A-4F70-8827-C08FA0ACBB0C&DE=A80D55B8-15B8-4EFD-A238>
- Pennington County Fireworks Overview: <https://www.pennco.org/fireworks>
- South Dakota Legislature: http://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=34-37
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF): <https://www.atf.gov/explosives/fireworks>

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