Fireworks Regulations

Counties and towns may impose more restrictions because of dry conditions. Please confirm this information with your local law enforcement, government office or Chamber of Commerce.

Statewide Laws:

By South Dakota codified law, it is illegal to discharge fireworks in the state except during the period from June 27 through the Sunday after July 4th – which is July 5th in 2026. Fireworks are also permitted from December 28 -January 1. A violation of this law is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Additional regulations may apply based on certain City or County ordinances. See the information below or contact a local Sheriff's office or Police department for more information about the laws in your area.

- Fireworks are unlawful/illegal/prohibited on public lands: every forest, every campsite, and 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 details on fireworks, including safety and security information, visit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Specifics for Black Hills

- Fireworks within the Black Hills Fire Protection District are prohibited. A class 1 misdemeanor will be issued for any fireworks shot in this area. Please see the Black Hills National Forest webpage and a map of the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

The best and safest way to enjoy fireworks is to go to a public firework display and leave the lighting to the professionals.

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

- www.helplinecenter.org/2-1-1/
  - Enter your Zip Code
    - In the **Search for Specific Program** box, enter:
      - Forest
      - Fireworks
      - Sheriff
      - Chambers of Commerce – for information on local 4th of July events

Sources:

- South Dakota Legislature
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- Wildland Fire Prevention– South Dakota

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