



CONSUMER FIREWORKS RULES

There are several requirements and safety concerns to keep in mind when it comes to consumer fireworks. The following are some key points. More information is available on the [State Fire Marshal Website](#) and the City of Bettendorf's Website (See [Title 5, Chapter 7](#) of the City Code).

You can only shoot consumer fireworks on these designated dates and times:

July 3 and July 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
December 31 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on January 1

The use of fireworks outside of the designated dates/times are in violation of Bettendorf City Code: Title 5, Chapter 7: Fireworks – which is a simple misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

First Offense: \$250
Second Offense: \$400
Third and Subsequent Offense: \$625

If fireworks are being used at a residence outside of the designated dates/times and the person responsible for setting off the fireworks does not come forward, the homeowner is in violation of Bettendorf City Code: Title 5, Chapter 5, Section 5-5A-7: Disorderly Houses – and will be cited, with a fine up to \$625.

OTHER RULES

- You can only shoot fireworks on your property or on a property where permission has been given.
- The use of consumer fireworks is prohibited on City of Bettendorf properties, including public streets and parks. The use of consumer fireworks is also prohibited on school grounds.
- Whoever uses, explodes, or discharges consumer fireworks is responsible for cleaning up all debris created by the fireworks.
- Sky lanterns are prohibited.
- If you are under the age of 18, you cannot buy fireworks and you can only shoot fireworks with direct adult supervision.
- Do not shoot fireworks if intoxicated or impaired.
- Consumer fireworks can cause injury, death, fire, or property damage if handled recklessly or in a manner not intended.
- You own the liability for shooting any fireworks device.
- Never disassemble fireworks or handle fireworks powders.



CONSUMER FIREWORKS SALES

Information for Persons Interested in Selling Consumer Fireworks

Under the Iowa law passed in 2017, sales of fireworks at *permanent* buildings can occur from **June 1st to July 8th** and from **December 10th to January 3rd** each year.

Fireworks sales at *temporary* structures may only occur between **June 13th and July 8th**.

A person must be 18 years old or older to buy fireworks.

State Fire Marshal Consumer Fireworks Annual Retail Sales License

You must complete a license application form and submit it along with required documentation to the State Fire Marshal's Office. This application is available on the State Fire Marshal Website [here](#).

Prior to submitting an application to the State Fire Marshal, contact Community Development Director Mark Hunt at (563) 344-4083 or mhunt@bettendorf.org to determine if the property is in a zone where sales of consumer fireworks sales is a permitted use.

City of Bettendorf License

In addition to the State Fire Marshal License, it is necessary to obtain a City of Bettendorf License. To do so, please contact Michelle Spencer at (563) 344-4013 or [mspencer@bettendorf.org](mailto:m Spencer@bettendorf.org)



FIREWORKS INJURIES & SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day, but the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. On average, 230 people go to the Emergency Room every day with fireworks-related injuries during the month around the 4th of July.

The Consumer Project Safety Commission has information about fireworks injuries and fireworks safety:

[View the Fireworks Injuries Infographic](#)

[Read the OnSafety Blog](#)

[Fireworks Injuries & Deaths Report](#)

Please remember that fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths. How? By working with a national, state, or local organization where you live to promote fireworks safety in your community.

Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could post a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

[Source: United States Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)