

FIREWORKS IN WHITELAND

After receiving much input from citizens, the Whiteland Town Council adopted Ordinance 2014-12 in February 2015 in order to prevent the excessive use of consumer fireworks, while not prohibiting their reasonable usage. That ordinance, in addition to Indiana Code 22-11-14, regulate the use of fireworks in Whiteland. This is only a brief summary of these regulations for convenient reference by Whiteland residents and businesses.

TYPES OF FIREWORKS REGULATED

The Town of Whiteland's regulations apply to the use of "consumer fireworks." Some examples of consumer fireworks:

- Aerial devices, such as bottle rockets, missiles, Roman candles, and shells
- Audible devices, such as firecrackers, salutes, and whistlers
- Other devices defined as consumer fireworks by the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Small fireworks are *not* regulated by the Town. Examples of these small fireworks:

- Sparklers
- Fountains
- Snakes
- Ground spinners

WHERE FIREWORKS CAN BE USED

Fireworks may be used *only* on property you own, on property where you have the explicit permission of the owner, or in special areas designated by the Fire Department. Owners are responsible for fireworks allowed to be used on their property.

Fireworks *cannot* be used on anyone else's property without their permission, on Town-owned property without the consent of the Town Council, or on public streets.



PERMITTED TIMES FOR FIREWORKS

Whiteland regulates when and how often consumer fireworks may be used. The following are permitted times for the use of fireworks:

- 10 AM until two hours after sunset on June 29-July 3 and July 5-9
- 10 AM to 12 midnight on July 4
- 10 AM on December 31 to 1 AM on January 1
- 10 AM to 11 PM on any other day not listed above

Use of fireworks outside of these hours is prohibited and can result in enforcement action being taken.

FREQUENCY OF USE

Other than the periods from June 29 to July 9 and December 31-January 1, the "frequent" or "habitual" use of fireworks from 10 AM to 11 PM is prohibited.

- "Frequent" is the use of fireworks during three or more different hours of a 24-hour period.
- "Habitual" is the use of fireworks on more than three days in any 7-day period.

Using fireworks more often than the limits above is considered a nuisance and can result in enforcement action.

If there are any discrepancies between this brochure and the adopted ordinance, the terms of the ordinance take precedence.

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