

## 2020 Fireworks Update

Please enjoy our holidays safely. Due to the extreme fire danger in the Cedar Valley area this year we are establishing the following policies.

Fireworks can be discharged between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on the following dates:

July 4

July 24

December 31 (hours extended to 1 a.m. January 1)

Chinese New Year's Eve (11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day)

Fireworks should only be discharged on paved roads within city limits.

Aerial fireworks sold in Utah retail stores are now legal in the State but NOT ALLOWED in Cedar Valley due to the extreme fire danger. Aerial devices, also known as "multiple tube," "repeater," or "cake" fireworks often look like miniature professional displays and can travel high into the air, as much as 150 feet.

NEVER allowed in Utah: firecrackers, M-80, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, Roman candles, single or re-loadable mortars, and ground salutes. You can be arrested for the use of illegal fireworks.

Here are a few safety guidelines

- You must be at least 16 years of age to handle or light fireworks.
- Fireworks need space from trees, carports, structures, power lines or other obstacles.
- Do not place a body part above or around a burning firework. Never pickup or throw a burning firework and never look into the tube or stay close to the device during ignition.
- Do not alter, change or experiment with makeshift or any firework device and do not allow others to violate the law.
- Should a firework misfire or not light, do not attempt to re-ignite. Let the firework cool for 30 minutes then place in a bucket of water.
- Do not shoot fireworks in windy conditions.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Children in Utah are burned each year by sparklers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to cause serious burns that may require hospitalization.
- Children under the age of 12 should not use sparklers without very close adult supervision. Never hold or light more than one sparkler at a time.
- Teach children to hold a sparkler at arm's length from their body and not to wave sparklers or run while holding sparklers. Stand at least 6 feet from another person while using sparklers.
- After a firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.
- Use caution with animals. Excitement, noise and bright flashing lights can cause fear and stress.

Fireworks are an American tradition. Safety and common sense are so important as we celebrate the holidays with fireworks. Shooting fireworks can provide hours of wholesome family entertainment, but must be use carefully and safely. You may contact the Cedar Valley Fire Department with questions or visit the State Fire Marshal website.

Please, pay particular attention to safety recommendations and safety tips from manufacturers and retailers who sell fireworks. Reading instructions is very important and necessary to help reduce the chances of a destructive fire or debilitating injury.

-Chief Breton