FIREWORKS FAQs

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Are fireworks legal to discharge at my address?

All fireworks discharge is banned in the entire South County Fire service area including the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and unincorporated communities in southwest Snohomish County. Go to Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's interactive map and enter your address to see if your home is in a banned area.

Where can I go watch a professional display?

Visit Fireworks | Snohomish County, WA - Official Website (snohomishcountywa.gov) and select a city to find public fireworks displays.

Why are fireworks sold in a banned area?

Fireworks sales are controlled by the county council, not South County Fire. To petition the county council to consider a ban on the sales of fireworks email Contact.Council@co.snohomish.wa.us or call 425-388-3494. If the county council implements a ban on firework sales, it may take 1-2 years to go into effect.

Who do I call if I have a complaint about fireworks?

If there is immediate threat to life or property (someone is injured or to report a fire) call 911. If there are no immediate threats, leave phone lines open for emergencies and use the non-emergency number 425-407-3999. If you get a busy signal that means that call volumes are taxing the 911 system.

For a chart to help you determine when you should call 911 go to When-to-Call-911.pdf (wa.gov)

Who enforces the ban?

Law enforcement enforces the ban, not South County Fire. Response may be limited as calls are prioritized based on the most emergent. Call volumes also limit law enforcement's availability to answer every call. Law enforcement may respond to your location or connect with you by phone.

Are there any fireworks that are allowed?

The Snohomish County Ordinance (19-037) for the SW Unincorporated area bans all fireworks except novelty or sparklers. Examples of novelty fireworks are toy-caps, snappers, pop-its or confetti pops. These are generally found at the grocery or party store, sold year-round. Reference Definition: WAC 212-17-025 ((i) Snakes, glow worm; (ii) Party popper; (iii) Snapper; (iv) Toy smoke devices; (v) Toy caps.

What can I do this year to educate my neighbors?

Visit www.southsnofire.org/fireworks to order your free Fireworks Banned yard signs. You may also order a Neighborhood Kit that contains flyers, educational handouts, social media graphics, and yard signs. Requests must be received by June 23rd.

Website: www.southsnofire.org/fireworks

Email: outreach@southsnofire.org



