

# CONSUMER FIREWORKS FAQ'S

Updated: 2024



## Are fireworks legal to discharge at my address?

Fireworks are legal to discharge within the cities of Lake Stevens and Monroe, and in the unincorporated areas surrounding both cities on July 4th from 9 AM until midnight. It is illegal to discharge fireworks within the South West Urban Growth Area (SW UGA) in unincorporated 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.

## 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 is responsible for fireworks enforcement?

Local police and the sheriff's office enforce fireworks laws, not Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue. 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.

## What types of fireworks are allowed?

Only consumer fireworks classes 1.5 and 1.4G purchased at a licensed Consumer Fireworks Retail Sales (CFRS) facilities are legal to possess and discharge on July 4th. The CFRS facilities are permitted and inspected by your local Fire Marshals. For a list and pictures of legal fireworks follow the link [WSP Legal Fireworks in Washington](#). For the SW UGA surrounding Mill Creek, Snohomish County Ordinance ([19-037](#)) 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.

## Why are fireworks sold in a banned area?

This year, fireworks sales are still allowed in the South West Urban Growth Area (SW UGA) in unincorporated Snohomish County. On May 15, 2024, the [Snohomish County Council](#) voted to ban sales and use in the SW UGA, however, the ban on sales won't start until next year per state law.

