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Major changes to Ohio fireworks laws go into effect July 01, 2022 in the Village of Holland, OH.

The Ohio Department of Commerce reports that beginning July 1, 2022, Ohioans can discharge consumer grade fireworks (1.4G) within the State, either on their own property or on another person's property with permission, on days designated by the Ohio Legislature. Some exceptions apply.

FIREWORKS HOLIDAYS

Days for consumer grade fireworks in Ohio are:

- New Year's Eve (4 p.m.-11:59 p.m.)
- New Year's Day (12 a.m.-1 a.m.; 4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Chinese New Year (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Cinco de Mayo (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Memorial Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Juneteenth (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Labor Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Diwali (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)

The new law allows exceptions for political subdivisions (i.e. villages, cities, townships) that choose to opt out or implement more restrictions. Local governing bodies may also choose to place additional restrictions on when a person can discharge consumer grade fireworks. Holland, OH has not opted out of this legislation yet, but plans to.

Only fireworks purchased from licensed sales locations throughout Ohio may be discharged in the State. Retailers must offer safety glasses and safety pamphlets.

SAFETY FIRST

Laws vary by locale but regardless where you live consider enjoying a professional show put on by an Ohio licensed fireworks exhibitor at local community events and festivals, instead. Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 2, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm at Springfield Township Freedom Festival, Homecoming Park, Angola Road.

If you do choose to use fireworks at home, review the Holland Police Department dos and don'ts safety checklist before lighting a fuse:

- **Don't** use fireworks if under the influence or in possession of illicit drugs and alcohol. It's against the law.
- **Don't** hold a lit firework or try to reignite a misfire. Never light fireworks indoors or near people, houses, and flammable material.
- **Don't** discharge fireworks on days that fall outside the schedule of approved holidays designated by the Ohio Legislature.
- **Do** take every precaution to limit harm and risk. Wear safety glasses, read warning labels, keep children away, and have water nearby to fully extinguish spent fireworks before discarding.
- **Do** refer to the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Fire Code Excerpt – Consumer Fireworks Discharge Rules for answers to fireworks questions and concerns.
- **Do** save contact information for the Village of Holland, OH, Fire & EMS in your phone. Call 911 in an emergency or dial 419-255-8443 for non-emergencies.

WHERE CAN I DISCHARGE FIREWORKS?

- Per the Ohio Fireworks Law that goes into effect July 1, 2022, consumers can discharge fireworks on their own property or on another person's property if the owner of that property has given express permission for fireworks to be discharged.
- Aerial devices cannot be discharged within 150 feet of spectators (this includes aerial shells, roman candles, cakes, and bottle rockets).
- Non-aerial devices cannot be discharged within 50 feet of spectators (this includes fountains, firecrackers, and ground effect devices).
- Fireworks must be discharged outdoors.
- Fireworks cannot be aimed at or discharged toward any person or object (such as buildings).
- Fireworks cannot be discharged on public property or private school property.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged if drought conditions exist or in an area where a red flag warning is in place or other weather hazard exists.

IS THE OHIO FIREWORKS LAW VALID THROUGHOUT THE STATE?

Be aware that individual jurisdictions can restrict the law. For instance, your county, city, or township can add on appropriate hours for shooting off fireworks. They can even ban the private consumer use of fireworks altogether.

CAN ANYONE DISCHARGE FIREWORKS?

- No one under 18 can handle or discharge fireworks.
- You are not permitted to use fireworks while in possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance. A person who violates this is guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor.

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