

Iowa Fireworks Update

A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on days other than June 1 through July 8 and December 10 through January 3 of each year, all dates inclusive.

A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks at times other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except that on the following dates consumer fireworks shall not be used at times other than between the hours specified:

- a. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4 and the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following July 4.
- b. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. on December 31 and 12:30 a.m. on the immediately following day.
- c. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the
- d. Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following
- e. December 31.

A person shall not use consumer fireworks on real property other than that person's real property or on the real property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.

A person who violates this subsection commits a simple misdemeanor. A court shall not order imprisonment for violation of this subsection.

Clarification:

If someone buys first class or second class consumer fireworks and wants to set them off on their property in the unincorporated areas of Allamakee County, they are allowed to do so and don't need a permit.

In the category of first class consumer fireworks are: aerial shell kits and reloadable tubes, chasers, helicopters and aerial spinners, firecrackers, mine and shell devices, missile-type rockets, Roman candles, sky rockets and bottle rockets, and multiple tube devices. **Second-class consumer fireworks include:** cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground and hand-held sparkling devices, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoke devices (that aren't classified as novelties) wheels, and wire or dipped sparklers (that aren't classified as novelties). Consumer fireworks are only allowed from June 1 through July 8th and December 10 through January 3 of each year (times of day set forth below).

If someone wants to set off the large "display fireworks" they need a permit to do so. Display fireworks are the large fireworks you see in professional fireworks shows such as those in Harpers Ferry, Monona and Eitzen on July 4th.

Individual cities in Allamakee County may have adopted new fireworks resolutions/ordinances that govern the cities, but as far as the unincorporated areas of Allamakee County, first class and second class consumer fireworks are legal. Please check local Ordinances.

Information from the Allamakee County Attorney's Office