



City of Columbia City

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Residents and Visitors,

This document contains information regarding the permitted dates and times for the usage of fireworks in the City of Columbia City. Please note that Whitley County (outside the City Limits) has different restrictions than the City (inside the City Limits).

As noted, some dates are mandated by the State of Indiana through State Statutes. These dates, appearing in the left column, cannot be changed by City officials, and would have to be changed through the State Legislature. The dates listed in the right column are the dates in which Consumer Fireworks are allowed in the City Limits. Fireworks are not permitted to be used in the City of Columbia City at any other time than those listed below.

The City of Columbia City encourages residents and visitors to use fireworks in a safe manner, by the manufacturer's directions, and following State and Local laws.

Thank you,

Ryan L. Daniel
Mayor, City of Columbia City

Fireworks Comparison: State Law vs. City Ordinance

State Mandated (IC 22-11-14-10.5)

June 29th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
June 30th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 1st (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 2nd (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 3rd (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 4th (10:00am – Midnight)
July 5th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 6th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 7th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 8th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)
July 9th (5:00pm – 2 hrs after sunset)

December 31st (10:00am – Midnight)
January 1st (12:01am – 1:00am)

Columbia City (Ordinance 101.02)

Friday before Memorial Day (5:00pm – 10:00pm)
Saturday before Memorial Day (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
Sunday before Memorial Day (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
Memorial Day (5:00pm – 10:00pm)
June 29th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
June 30th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 1st (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 2nd (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 3rd (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 4th (10:00am – Midnight)
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July 6th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 7th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 8th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
July 9th (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
Friday before Labor Day (5:00pm - 10:00pm)
Saturday before Labor Day (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
Sunday before Labor Day (5:00pm – 11:00pm)
Labor Day (5:00pm -10:00pm)
December 31st (10:00am – Midnight)
January 1st (12:01am – 1:00am)

***Board of Works may approve additional dates*

Fireworks Fact Sheet

- Indiana law states that Consumer fireworks may be used only between 9:00am and 11:00pm on most other days that are not holidays.
 - Columbia City's laws are more restrictive (5:00pm-11:00pm) than state law on the non-holiday timeframe.
 - We cannot be less strict than the 9:00am-11:00pm regulation on holidays.
- Anyone who violates the majority of the state law commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- Shooting fireworks before 9:00am or after 11:00pm (except as provided on July 4th, December 31st, & January 1st) is a Class C infraction.
- Anyone who sets off fireworks in a place other than their property, the property of someone who has given them permission, or a "special discharge location", commits a Class C infraction.
- A person less than 18 who possesses or uses fireworks, without an adult present and responsible, commits a delinquent act.
- Harming property with fireworks is a Class A misdemeanor
- Causing serious bodily harm with fireworks results in a Level 6 Felony.
- Causing death with fireworks results in a Level 5 felony.