

Changes to Ohio's Consumer Fireworks Law: What to Know?

Beginning July 1, 2022, the recent revisions in the Ohio's fireworks law, referenced in Solon's codified ordinances, will take effect. The biggest change is that residents can legally discharge consumer grade fireworks in Ohio on designated days throughout the year. These fireworks must be discharged on the purchaser's property or another person's property after obtaining permission. Previously, residents who purchased consumer grade fireworks in the State of Ohio had to sign a form stating that they will be transported out of the State of Ohio within 48-hours. Trick and novelty fireworks (sparklers, snaps, glow snakes, and smoke bombs) have always been legal to discharge in Ohio.

What are the designated days consumer fireworks can be legally discharged in Ohio?

- New Year's Eve and Day
- Chinese New Year
- Cinco de Mayo
- Memorial Day Weekend
- Juneteenth
- July 3rd, 4th, and 5th (and the weekends before and after)
- Labor Day Weekend
- Diwali

Although consumer fireworks can be legally discharged in Ohio on these designated days, it is important to keep in mind they are still extremely dangerous, and must be discharged safely. The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers the following safety guidelines:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- Never hold lit fireworks in your hands.
- Never light them indoors.
- Only use them away from people, houses, and flammable materials.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- Keep water or a fire extinguisher nearby to fully douse fireworks that do not discharge or in case of a fire.

It is also important to keep in mind that no person can use fireworks while under the influence of liquor, beer, or other controlled substances. If a person violates this section of the law, they will be guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor.

Please be safe.