

# FIREWORKS

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## Are fireworks allowed in Mountlake Terrace?

No. It is unlawful for any person to sell, possess, use, transfer, discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks, including pyrotechnic or consumer fireworks or display fireworks within Mountlake Terrace. This includes city parks, school grounds, trails, the Transit Center, parking lots, public right of way, and all other public and private areas of the city. There are very limited exceptions to the ban. (See the “Are there any exceptions...” section below.) The city firmly upholds this ban.

## What nearby cities have fireworks bans?

Other cities in the area with fireworks bans include: Brier, Edmonds, Everett, Gold Bar, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Mukilteo, Shoreline, and Woodway.

## Are there any exceptions to the fireworks ban in Mountlake Terrace?

Yes. Certain novelty devices, such as snakes, glow worms, toy caps, and party poppers are permitted. Also, public fireworks displays that have a city permit for a public fireworks display and that otherwise comply with city codes can be allowed. See the next two sections for information about public fireworks displays.

## What are public display fireworks?

Public display fireworks are fireworks designed primarily for exhibition or entertainment by producing visible or audible effects, including, but not limited to: Sky rockets, Missile-type rockets, Firecrackers, salutes, Mortars.

## Is a permit required to hold a public fireworks display?

Yes. Any person of at least 18 years of age who wishes to put on a public fireworks display shall apply, in writing, to the city for a display permit at least 30 days in advance of the proposed display. The Fire Marshal, in consultation with other departments, will review the application. The application and any issued permit shall contain detailed information and evidence, including:

- The name of the organization sponsoring the display, if other than the applicant;
- The date the display is to be held;
- The exact location for the display;
- The name and license number of the pyrotechnic operator who is to supervise discharge of the fireworks, and the name of at least one experienced assistant;
- The number of set pieces, shells (specify single or multiple break), and other items;

- The manner and place of storage of such fireworks prior to the display;
- A diagram of the ground on which the display is to be held showing the point at which the fireworks are to be discharged, the location of all buildings, highways and other lines of communication, the lines behind which spectators will be restrained, and the location of all nearby trees, telegraph or telephone lines, or other overhead obstruction;
- Evidence that the applicant has or will procure prior to the event and maintain public liability insurance with limits per state law, of not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury to any one person in an accident or occurrence; \$2,000,000 for bodily injury to two or more persons in any one accident or occurrence; and \$500,000 property damage; or, at the option of the applicant, a combined single limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence. The owner of any property where the event occurs may require additional amounts and types of insurance; and
- Documentation that the applicant has procured a State Fire Marshal’s general license for the public display of fireworks.

Note: The pyrotechnical operator must be at least 18 years of age, provide evidence of experience as an operator, and successfully have completed a written examination of laws, regulations, and safety practices pertaining to the discharge of fireworks. City fire and safety inspections will be performed following the setup and prior to the display.

**Are any public fireworks displays planned in Mountlake Terrace?**

There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Family Celebration on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Ballinger Park.

A fireworks show is planned as part of the Tour de Terrace celebration on Saturday, July 27 at about 10 p.m. Please check online at [www.tourdeterrace.org](http://www.tourdeterrace.org) under entertainment fireworks for more information.



**Where are other public fireworks displays planned?**

For more information check local media to confirm dates, times and locations.

**Edmonds:** 10 pm, Civic Stadium, 6<sup>th</sup> and Bell [www.edmondswa.com/events/fourth-of-july.html](http://www.edmondswa.com/events/fourth-of-july.html)

**Everett:** Dusk (approximately 10:20 pm) Port Gardner Bay <https://everettwa.gov/790/Fourth-of-July>

**Kenmore:** 10 pm, Log Boom Park NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street & 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE <http://www.kenmorewa.gov/FourthofJulyCelebration>

**Seattle:** 10:20 pm, Gas Works Park [www.events12.com/seattle/july/](http://www.events12.com/seattle/july/)



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*and may differ or conflict with this information.  
Contact City staff to discuss your specific project.*

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## Personal Fireworks Safety and Laws



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*This brochure is not intended to cover all situations  
nor to replace any code provision that may apply*

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