

Effective July 1, 2022, Ohio Law allows for the discharge of consumer grade fireworks within certain parameters and in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3743 and the Ohio Administrative Code 1301:7-7-56 (Ohio Fire Code).

The Lafayette Township Fire District urges residents who wish to discharge consumer grade fireworks to do so safely and in compliance with applicable laws. Below are some highlights of the current rules:

Consumer grade fireworks are permitted on the following days ***from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. only (OAC 5626.5.1 and 5626.5.2):***

Chinese new year's day, the fifth of May, the last Monday in May and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding, the nineteenth of June, the third, fourth, and fifth days of July, the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before and after the fourth of July, The first Monday in September and the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding, and Diwali.

Additionally, fireworks are permitted on ***December 31 (New Years Eve) from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. and January 1 (New Years Day from midnight to 1:00 a.m.***

In the interest of safety, consumer grade fireworks are **not to be discharged in adverse weather conditions** including, but not limited to, **high winds, draught conditions**, or other conditions conducive to vegetation fires. (OAC 5626.5.3.1-3)

Additionally, **no one under the age of 18 is permitted to handle or discharge fireworks, or be within 150 feet of the discharge area.** (OAC 5626.6)

Fireworks are **not permitted to be discharged in federal, state, or local parks, recreation areas, etc. or on any street, highway, alley, or public way.** (OAC 5626.5.6)

While the above is intended to highlight certain areas of the Ohio Code, it is not an inclusive list of the rules. Residents who wish to discharge consumer grade fireworks within Lafayette Township Fire District are urged to consult ORC 3743 and OAC 5626 for further, more complete information.