



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

Significant Changes - Fireworks House Bill 38, 2018

Reduced the number of days for legal discharge from twelve days to eight days.

- July 2 – July 5
- July 22 – July 25
- 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. (exceptions: 12 a.m., July 4 and 24)

Map showing restricted areas is available at Salt Lake County Emergency Management website (slcoem.org), UFA website (unifiedfire.org), and at all firework retailers.

Key restrictions areas include:

- Mountainous, brush-covered, forest-covered, or dry grass-covered areas.
- Within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas.
- Any wildland urban interface area with a “buffer zone” along readily identifiable features.

Increases the areas where a municipality or state forester may prohibit the discharge of fireworks during extremely hazardous conditions.

Increased criminal fine (up to \$1000) and civil liability for discharging fireworks outside of permitted dates and times or within a restricted area.

Civil Liability: If someone negligently, recklessly, or intentionally causes or spreads a fire through discharge of fireworks, they may be held liable for cost of suppression and damages.

Fireworks Safety Tips

Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks. ***Review the restrictions map.***

Know your fireworks. Read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.

A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.

Always have a bucket of water or charged water hose nearby.

Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.

Light one firework at a time and quickly move away.

Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from building and vehicles.

Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.

Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them and placing them in a metal trash can away from any combustible materials.