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Yakima County Fire Marshal Reminds Citizens of Ban on Fireworks

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YAKIMA, WA – As the 4th of July celebration approaches, the Yakima County Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind residents of the local fireworks laws.

***Unincorporated** Yakima County has a total ban on sale, use or discharge of fireworks.

- The penalty is \$1000 and/or 90 days' imprisonment.
- Fireworks purchased on the reservation are legal only for tribal members on tribal lands.

In 2016, serious firework injuries increased in Washington State by 40 percent. Washington State had 226 fireworks-related emergency incidents resulting in 67 fires and over \$200,000 in property loss.

- 164 injuries occurred on the Fourth of July
- 62 percent of firework related fires occurred on the Fourth of July

Every time a firefighter responds to an incident, they put their lives at risk.

- The two leading causes of firefighter deaths are heart attack and vehicle accidents.
- Most firefighters in Yakima County are volunteers. When they respond to an incident, they leave their homes and families.
- Increased demand for resources due to fireworks incidents reduces the availability for the remainder of the community.

Patriotism is a matter of the heart that should be celebrated every day by honoring and respecting those who serve us. Have a safe and sane fireworks season. Attend a public display.

***Unincorporated** Yakima County (outside of the Yakama Reservation) has a total ban on fireworks. However, several Yakima County cities allow residents to purchase and/or discharge fireworks. Please check the attached list for the fireworks' rules in your community.*



2017 City and Town Fireworks Information

Possession of ALL FIREWORKS is **ILLEGAL** in Yakima County under Yakima County Code 8.46!

¡PROHIBICIÓN DE FUEGOS ARTIFICIALES "CUETES"!

Only ENROLLED Yakama Tribal Members ON THE RESERVATION are exempt.

Nomás LOS MIEMBROS TRIBALES alistados Yakama EN LA RESERVACIÓN DE YAKAMA son exentos.

JURISDICTION	PHONE #	SALES	DISCHARGE	PUBLIC DISPLAY
CITY OF GRANDVIEW	509-882-9200	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF GRANGER	509-854-1725	YES	YES (No City Parks)	YES
TOWN OF HARRAH	509-848-2432	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF MABTON	509-894-4096	YES	YES	NO
CITY OF MOXEE	509-575-8851	YES	YES (No Public Properties, Private Properties Only)	NO
TOWN OF NACHES	509-653-2647	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF SELAH	509-698-7313	NO	NO	YES
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE	509-837-3999	NO	NO	YES
CITY OF TIETON	509-673-3162	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF TOPPENISH	509-865-3111	NO	NO	YES
CITY OF UNION GAP	509-248-0432	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF WAPATO	509-877-2334	NO	NO	NO
CITY OF YAKIMA	509-575-6000	NO	NO	YES
CITY OF ZILLAH	509-829-5151	NO	YES (July 3rd: 12pm-10:30pm & July 4th: 12pm-12am)	YES
YAKIMA COUNTY	509-574-2300	NO	NO	NO
NACHES FIRE DISTRICT	-	NO	NO	NO
L.T. MURRAY GAME RESERVE	-	NO	NO	NO
ELLENSBURG CANYON	-	NO	NO	NO

Courtesy of the Yakima County Fire Marshal's Office
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