

How to stay safe when using fireworks

Español

Fireworks are a big part of many holiday celebrations, but they also can be dangerous. For the best and safest experience, look for a professional show in your community. Here's what you need to know about using fireworks.

1. Follow local rules

Some areas allow only certain types of fireworks, and most areas don't allow fireworks within city limits or during burn bans. Follow the local law and contact your local fire officials if you have questions.



2. Hire licensed professionals

If you hire someone to put on a display for your group, make sure they have a Texas pyrotechnic operator's license. To find out if someone has a Texas license, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 800-578-4677 or Fire.Marshall@tdi.texas.gov.

3. When are fireworks legal?

Fireworks can be sold only certain times of the year, typically during a week or so leading up to a major holiday. Besides Fourth of July and New Year's, Texas counties have the choice of also including Texas Independence Day (March 2), San Jacinto Day (April 21), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), and Memorial Day.

You can use fireworks any day of the year as long as they are not banned in the area you live.

4. Be safe!

- Children should not use fireworks. Make sure an adult is always watching.
- Remember: Alcohol and fireworks are a bad mix.
- Follow the instructions on the firework.
- Avoid shooting fireworks near dry grass, brush, or other materials that can easily catch on fire.
- Never aim fireworks where they could land on a house or hit a person.
- Have a bucket of water, garden hose, or other water source ready for emergencies.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JEFF DAVIS

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ORDER 2022-5

**OF THE JEFF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF JEFF DAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

WHEREAS, The Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Jeff Davis County; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of June, 2022, the Commissioners Court of Jeff Davis County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Jeff Davis County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Jeff Davis County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in unincorporated areas of Jeff Davis County:

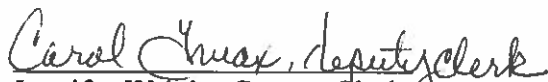
1. A person may not sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified as “skyrockets with sticks” under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-01-86 edition) or missiles with fins in any portion of the unincorporated areas of Jeff Davis County.
2. This Order does not prohibit “permissible fireworks” as authorized in Occupations Code Section 2154.003(a).
3. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor. Punishable by a fine of up to \$500 plus the cost of court.
4. This Order expires on the date the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions no longer exist in Jeff Davis County, Texas.

ORDERED this 20th day of June, 2022 by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays.

FOR THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:


Curtis Evans, Jeff Davis County Judge

ATTEST:


Jennifer Wright, County Clerk