

Reminders for a SAFE Fourth of July Celebration:

The use of Class 1.4G fireworks may be discharged within the Bixby city limits by homeowners who have secured a permit to do so, on July 4, 5 & 6th, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., as described in full in the FAQ below.

Permits cost \$20.00, and are available starting April 1st – July 3rd, at City Hall 116 W. Needles, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. City Hall will be closed July 4th. The fine for discharging fireworks within the Bixby city limits without a permit is \$350.00.

Permit holders please assist the City of Bixby and First Responders by ensuring all roadways are easily accessible and are not blocked, in the event we need to respond to any emergencies in your sub division. Please make every attempt to have permits visible and accessible for police and fire officials as we try to ensure everyone has a permit and has been briefed on the safety requirements, so that all may enjoy a great Fourth of July.

Fireworks Permits for Sale and Display

FAQ'S

1) Q- Can I discharge fireworks in the City of Bixby?

A- Yes, purchase a permit to discharge fireworks from the City of Bixby or from a participating licensed vendor at a cost of \$20.00

2) Q- What conditions must I meet in order to receive a permit?

A- Such fireworks must be discharged on a non-combustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display and not closer than 25 feet to any permanent structure.

B- The adult person shall obtain a permit from the City of Bixby or from a licensed fireworks vendor at a cost of \$20.00, said permit must identify adult in charge of this use by name and address, and also identifying the proposed location on or near the permit holder's property.

C- The adult permit holder in charge of the use must be physically present for any household member to use the fireworks and within 100 feet of the point of display, and have the permit posted in a place of prominence during the discharge of the fireworks for examination by any law enforcement officer.

D- The permit holder is further responsible for the cleaning up of any debris caused by any person discharging fireworks under the permit holder.

3) Q- Can I discharge fireworks in the City Parks?

A- Private persons may not use or discharge fireworks within any City or County park, nor on any highway, turnpike or any street that has paving in excess of 26 feet wide.

4) Q-Do I have to be present while my child buys or discharges fireworks?

A- The possession or the sale of any fireworks to or by any individual under the age of 12 years shall be unlawful within the City, unless under the immediate and direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult in possession of a current permit.

5) Q-What are the conditions to be met to obtain a permit for sale of fireworks?

A- The vendor at each location must obtain an annual license from the city at a cost of \$750.00 and must also provide a copy of the state sales tax permit.

B- The property has direct access on an arterial street and adequate on-site parking so that the operation of the stand can be conducted without the interference with travel on the paved surface of the artery.

C- Only Class 1.4G fireworks, as defined by the United States Department of Transportation, are sold on the premises.

D- The "Season" for fireworks sales shall be limited to only from June 15th until July 4th of each year.

Safety Tips:

Children should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800° Fahrenheit (982° Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.

Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.

Never try to make your own fireworks.

Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.

Stay clear of others — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket — the friction could set them off.

Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 [fires](#) caused by fireworks each year.

Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.

Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an [eye injury](#) occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your child's eyesight may depend on it. If it's a [burn](#), remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!