



Dear Salem Community,

Under the direction and authority of the State Forester, and according to state law, Salem City will implement the following fireworks restrictions for the July 24th holiday:

1. Fireworks may only be discharged on July 24, 2026, until 12:00 a.m. (midnight).
2. Attached is a map of Salem City, which outlines prohibited and approved areas for fireworks. Fireworks are prohibited in all areas shaded in pink, including both sides of any roadway and in developed areas located within the restricted boundaries.

The drought and the threat of wildfire continue to be concerns throughout Utah. However, much of the state has received moisture during this year's monsoonal season. As a result, the State Forester will not be issuing a statewide fireworks ban for the July 24 holiday that Salem City can adopt.

While we cannot legally prohibit fireworks citywide, we can restrict their use in designated areas of our community. We recognize that even within the approved discharge area, there are locations that remain vulnerable to wildfire. For that reason, fireworks laws will be strictly enforced. If you plan to use fireworks, please take time to familiarize yourself with the information provided in this letter and ensure you are using them only where they are legally permitted.

As a reminder, the following state fireworks laws will also be strictly enforced:

1. Fireworks may not be ignited within 200 feet of an open field, vacant lot, or an area containing significant natural vegetation. This is important and relevant in multiple areas of town. Survey your surroundings thoroughly.
2. Fireworks may not be ignited within 20 feet of any building, haystack or structure.
3. Discharging fireworks outside the date and times stated above, or within designated restricted zones, is a classable infraction subject to state fines up to \$1000.

If you choose to celebrate with fireworks this holiday, please do so responsibly, with consideration for your neighbors and our community. Under Utah law, any person who negligently, recklessly, or illegally discharges fireworks that cause a fire will be held fully and civilly liable for the total cost of the fire suppression and resources deployed to fight it, as well as all property damage incurred.

We encourage everyone to use extreme caution, exercise good judgment, and ensure that all fireworks are discharged safely and legally. Both Salem Fire and Rescue and the Salem Police Department will be patrolling our community on the evening of July 24 to help keep our community safe.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to protect our community and reduce the risk of fire.

Mayor Cristy Simons

Fire Chief Chris Wright