

# Unincorporated King County Firework Rules

Stay safe, know the rules, and have fun this Fourth of July!



Around the Fourth of July, I consistently hear from many residents who are concerned about fireworks being set off in their neighborhood. This year, with the help of my colleagues, I've worked to secure funding to increase King County Sheriff presence on and around July 4th. These extra officers will be on the lookout for illegal firework activity in unincorporated communities. Use only approved, legal fireworks from reliable Washington State and King County Fire Marshal licensed retailers. Firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, and rockets are legal to possess and discharge on tribal lands ONLY. These items are illegal in Washington State and become illegal fireworks when possessed off tribal lands.

**In unincorporated King County, fireworks may only be discharged on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight and the following fireworks are illegal in Washington State:**

### Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



### Bottle Rockets

A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.

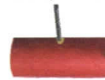
### Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



**More pets get lost on July 4 than any other day of the year. Please keep your pet inside on the Fourth of July!**

**Mass-produced Homemade Devices**  
Example: M-80's, M-100's, etc.



**Homemade Explosives**  
Example: Pipe Bomb & Tennis Ball Bomb



**Altering consumer fireworks**  
making an explosive device  
Example: Sparkler Bomb

