

# **Fireworks**

## Summary of the 2016 Georgia Law

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In 2016 the Georgia fireworks law changed. For effective public education and enforcement, this brochure contains a summary of the new law and Glynn County Ordinances as it applies to the use of fireworks.

#### When can fireworks be used?

Consumer fireworks can be used on any day between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and between 9:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., if a permit is issued by the County Police for public property only. Permit applications are available on the county police webpage.

Permits for consumer fireworks are not issued for private property.

Consumer fireworks time is extended on July 3, July 4, & December 31 from 9:00 p.m. up to 12 a.m., and passed midnight (January 1) to 1 a.m. without a permit for private property only.

# Limits on the location for consumer fireworks:

Anywhere in the State, but not:

- 1) Within the right of way of a public road, street, highway, or railroad.
- 2) Indoors.
- At any location where the person using fireworks is not lawfully present, or is not 18 years of age or older.
- 4) Within 100 yards of the following:
  - a) Electric Plant.
  - b) Water or waste water plant.
  - c) Retail gasoline sales or storage.

- d) Any facility producing, processing, or blending flammable liquids or gasses for retail (Gas station).
- e) Public or private electric station.
- f) Jail or prison.
- g) The boundaries of any public use air facility under O.C.G.A. Title 6 (Airports).
- h) Public use landing area marked and designed for helicopters.
- i) Hospital, nursing home, or health care facility (Unless with the owner's written permission).
- 5) Within any park, historic site, recreational area, or other property owned or operated by, for or under the custody or control of the County such as the beach on St. Simons Island. (Unless a special use permit has been issued
- 6) Within any park, historic site, recreational area, or other property owned or operated by, for, or under the custody or control of the State of Georgia, such as Jekyll Island (Unless otherwise allowed by the State).
- Anywhere while under the influence of alcohol or drug to the extent that it is less safe or unlawful for such person to ignite consumer fireworks or as provided in O.C.G.A. 25-10-2.1

# **References:**

{O.C.G.A. 25-10-2(b)(3)(B)(C)(i)(ii)}

Glynn County Ordinance 2-9- 52(9) and 2-26.

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