

When You Can Use Fireworks in Iowa

Page 10 of the bill reveals the time and date restrictions on fireworks use. Here's a quick breakdown of when you can use fireworks, should the bill be ratified:

- **General dates and hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. from June 1 to July 8 and from Dec. 10 through Jan. 3
- **Special July 4th hours:** 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4th and the preceding Saturday and Sunday
- **Special NYE hours:** 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on NYE and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays preceding & following NYE

You're only authorized to shoot fireworks on your property or on the property of someone who says it's okay to shoot on their land.

Violations of these rules, the bill says, are a simple misdemeanor.

When Retailers Can Sell Fireworks in Iowa

Based on what we gathered from the bill, businesses selling fireworks in a permanent structure can sell from June 1 to July 8 and from December 10 to January 3.

If you're selling from a temporary structure like a tent, you can sell between June 13 and July 8. As far as we can tell, the bill doesn't allow tents to sell during the NYE season, even if you're willing to brave the cold.

Fire Marshal Will Oversee Selling Licenses

We looked into the bill to pull out some specifics, and found that the state's fire marshal will "establish a consumer fireworks seller license."

This is essentially standard practice in most states — fire marshals can also call bans on fireworks sales during droughts.

Fireworks sellers will have to pay a fee in order to sell product, and any individual, company or organization selling fireworks must do so according to national fire protection standards.

The state fire marshal will oversee the fees generated by licenses and will use those fees, according to the bill, "fulfill the responsibilities of the state fire marshal for the administration and enforcement" of the bill's regulations.