

**Consumer-rated fireworks allowed only on July 3, 4 & 5
BUT no matter what day of the year, even on July 3, 4 & 5,**

Discharge of fireworks is not allowed if

- between the hours of 11 PM and 8 AM;
- they result in the inordinate disruption of residents as indicated by the injured party's specific request to desist;
- ignited by person(s) under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance, and/or acting in a manner that such behavior would reasonably be judged to jeopardize the health, safety and general welfare of people or property;
- ignited by minor or, if a minor, not directly supervised by a parent or guardian;
- within 200 feet of a residential building or a vehicle;
- they result in damage or pollution (littering or contamination) to public or private property *including bodies of water*;
- a burn ban is in effect;
- deemed illegal for consumer use;
- on public property;
- within 20 feet of open flame, or something capable of combustion (e.g. gasoline, ignited cooking grill); or
- otherwise deemed an imminent danger or threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Violations of this (or any other) CLT ordinance may result in citations being issued.

Every year there are more and more complaints about citizens setting off their own fireworks. There is only a narrow scope of conditions in which fireworks are legal. Although the State of Michigan allows the discharge of certain consumer-grade fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after any of the 10 listed federal holidays, CLT has passed an ordinance that restricts that usage, as is its statutory prerogative to do. CLT's full policy on fireworks is available in hardcopy at the township hall or is readily available online at the township website. Check the ordinance for details, but the above bullet list is a good summary. Landladies? Landlords? Parties who rent their properties are urged not only to become acquainted with these restrictions themselves but to make sure their renters are aware/adhere to them, as well. We even highly recommend renters be informed *before* they rent, and rules be posted on premises, too.