



LET'S TALK ABOUT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

2020 marks the 28th year of the consumer fireworks ban

in our community. All individual consumer fireworks-- including sparklers-- are illegal in the City of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, Millwood, Cheney, and unincorporated areas of Spokane County.



WHY IS THERE A BAN?

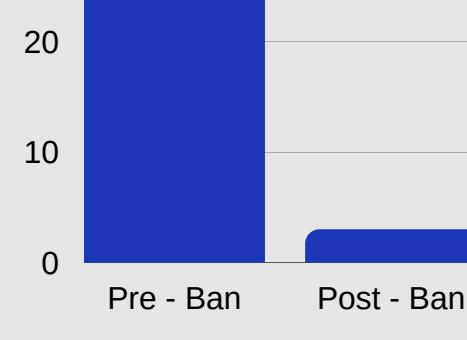
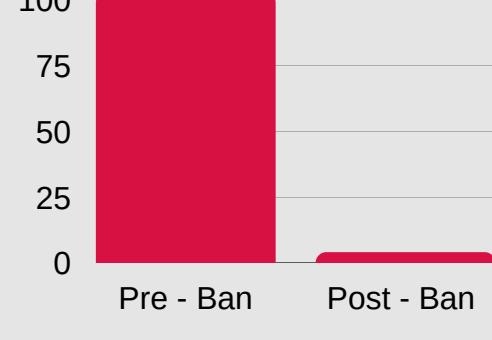
This ban was put in effect to protect the community and first responders. In addition to fires, loss of property and injuries, fireworks negatively impact neighbors, pets, and people living with PTSD.

THE STATS

In the 10 years prior to the fireworks ban, we responded to an average of **104** fireworks-caused fires each year (between June 28-July 6).

Since the ban has been in place, the average number of fireworks-caused fires annually has dropped from **104** to less than **5**.

Fireworks-caused injuries have had a similar decrease: from an average of **29** to less than **5**.



IF YOU LIGHT IT, IT'S ILLEGAL



This includes sparklers which burn at 1200° and cause serious injuries. Fireworks are a Class 1 Civil Infraction and penalties begin at \$536. Violators may also be charged with reckless burning and fined for the cost of Fire Department response.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you see something, say something. Call Crime Check (509) 456-2233 to report fireworks use. Patrols will be out enforcing.

If you find or have fireworks, fire stations cannot accept them. Take them to the Waste to Energy Plant, at 2900 S. Geiger Blvd for NO COST disposal in the household hazardous waste area.

Spokane Fire Department encourages you to celebrate safely by enjoying a public display provided by professionals.

Questions, contact the SFD Prevention Division (509) 625-7000.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!