

City of Marco Island

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In April, Governor DeSantis signed a bill legalizing fireworks in Florida on three holidays: July 4th, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. However, this legislation does not supersede local regulations relating to the use of fireworks. Fireworks are not allowed on Marco Island. Marco Island has four (4) ordinances prohibiting the use of fireworks:

- Sec. 22-32: Fire Prevention: Fireworks shall not be permitted on residential type properties or waterways adjacent to residential type properties within City limits.
- Sec. 18-105: Noise: Fireworks are prohibited at any time without a permit within the incorporated limits of the City of Marco Island.
- Sec. 18-145: To protect beach-nesting birds, fireworks, dogs and other lethal disturbance sources are prohibited on the beaches.
- Sec 34-3: In public parks, the use, carry or possession of fireworks or other explosive substances are prohibited.

Violations of these ordinances subject the offender to fines of up to \$500.00 per incident.

Marco Island has high density neighborhoods which creates a high risk for fires and personal injury while using fireworks. Our City is also unique in that we are home to several endangered species and we work hard to protect eagles, owls, turtles, and other species. The City acknowledges the importance of Independence Day and wants residents to celebrate and enjoy this National holiday, while also protecting animals and property in Marco Island.

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