

## FIREWORKS: No fireworks allowed on national forest lands

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The Office of State Fire Marshal, the Oregon Fire Service, natural resource agencies, Oregon licensed fireworks wholesalers, and safety experts all encourage Oregonians to “keep it legal and keep it safe” when using fireworks.

The 2019 Oregon fireworks retail sales season runs through July 6. The OSFM and their partners want everyone to know which fireworks are legal to use in Oregon without a permit, where they are permitted to be used, and the important safety steps to take when using legal fireworks.

“I want to remind all Oregonians that consumer-legal fireworks can only be purchased from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands,” said State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. “And regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. Fire risk in Oregon is already high, and as the weeks go by that risk will only increase, so there is no room for error in fireworks safety.”

July 4 holiday public land visitors are advised to leave all fireworks at home. The use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forestland, Oregon state parks, and beaches. Residents statewide can still enjoy fireworks at officially sponsored community events.

For residents who purchase legal fireworks, the OSFM encourages everyone to practice safe fireworks use:

- Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and

pets away from fireworks.

- Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.

- Be aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

Oregon law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM. Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon without a permit.

For the last reported five years through 2018, there were 1,264 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon recorded by the state’s structural fire agencies, resulting in more than \$3.5 million in property damage. During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted in one death and 26 injuries. The data from structural fire agencies do not include incidents that occurred on federal and other state lands.

Officials may seize illegal fireworks and charge offenders with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500. Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage. Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

“All Oregonians share the responsibility to use only consumer-legal fireworks and use them carefully,” said Walker. “We encourage you to be aware and considerate of neighbors and their pets before deciding on when and where you choose to light legal fireworks.”

## YOGA: Farmers Market introduced outdoor yoga this year

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fusion of ballet, pilates and yoga.

“I’m looking forward to sharing barre with the Sisters community,” Miskowicz said, “and I’m so glad the markets have been a success!”

Tara Seymour, a licensed massage therapist as well as a registered yoga teacher, will lead Easy Flow Yoga on July 28. She described the practice as “accessible to all levels.”

Seymour moved to Central Oregon in 1994 to ski. “I love Sisters and all its people,” she stated. “Yoga is a huge part of my life. My passion, dedication and love play a huge factor in my classes. I feel that through yoga, we are able to access the true self, the ‘real us.’ For me it is all about mindfulness and focus.”

Yoga in the Park takes place at 11:30 a.m. throughout the summer, with occasional Sundays off for other activities. Participants meet up on the lawn in the southeast corner of Fir Street Park, near the Chamber of Commerce patio. Pajutee recommended



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Maret Pajutee is now teaching yoga in Sisters.

bringing a yoga mat and a towel, or two big towels. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and sunscreen. A \$5-\$10 donation is suggested.

Sisters Farmers Market introduced Yoga in the Park in June of this year. The program was started by Rachel Kelleher, who works full-time as a registered nurse while also managing the market, primarily on a volunteer basis. As an RN and mother of two toddlers, Kelleher is particularly conscious of community health. Yoga seemed like

a natural fit for the Market’s new day, time, and community focus.

Kari Sims Anthon, owner of Life.Love.Yoga., noted that the community is welcome to the studio’s 10th anniversary party. On August 2, Life.Love.Yoga. will celebrate with a family-friendly open house featuring drinks, appetizers, and raffles.

The celebration will take place at the studio, located at 484 W. Washington Ave. in Sisters. For more information, visit [lifeloveyoga.com](http://lifeloveyoga.com) or call 541-390-5678.

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