

Fireworks Common Courtesy

As a private association, the BIG Sandy beach area has been used as a safe area to launch fireworks over the lake on special occasions for celebration. As the use of the beach as a resource has increased, the following guidelines have been developed to maintain the spirit of celebration for special occasions, to ensure the safety and well being of the residents, and to avoid damage to property. The guidelines are designed to set expectations for this privilege AND IS ONLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, and EXPLICITLY NOT AVAILABLE TO GUESTS OR ANY RENTERS.

1. NOTIFICATION - Members are responsible to notify the BSA by email at least 24 hours in advance noting the planned time for using the beach area for the purpose of launching and using fireworks.
2. PRODUCTS - Fireworks products should be SCALE APPROPRIATE for the beach and purchased at a licensed location within the state of Maine. Product scale means staying within the water area and not impacting private property.
3. TIMEFRAME: The time frame to use fireworks at the beach should be within a 30 minute window of darkness - and if used from private property within the existing quiet hour common courtesy.
4. LAUNCH AREA - The area to launch fireworks is on the north side - opposite end from the boat dock and away from trees, ensuring that beach paraphernalia has been secured.
5. CLEANUP - All fireworks debris in the adjacent water and in the beach area must be removed and the beach area returned to a satisfactory condition BEFORE 9AM the following day.
6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES: All participants are required to exercise proper safety and guidance with regard to the use and observation of fireworks. The Member(s) and their family members using the beach to launch fireworks are solely responsible for their own personal safety and any personal property damage caused by the fireworks. People attending the fireworks event are responsible for their own safety and that of their family members and guests. The Big Sandy Association is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by the Member's use of fireworks at the beach area.