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Informational Steps to Hold Fireworks Displays in the Town of Washington

If you wish to have an aerial fireworks display in the Town of Washington, the first step is to file an application with the Rappahannock County Office of Emergency Services to receive approval for the life/safety aspect. That office will send copies of your application to the county Sheriff's Office and to the local fire departments.

Only pyrotechnicians certified by the Virginia State Fire Marshall are allowed to fire the displays in accordance with the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Protection Association standards.

Once you receive county safety approval and that can take two weeks or so, please email - as soon as possible - a copy of the approved application to the Town Clerk at townofwashington@washingtonva.gov. The application asks for the start and finish time of the fireworks display. In addition, the Town requests that you provide a half-hour window in which the fireworks will occur and that a warning be given five minutes prior to the beginning of the display. The conclusion can be no later than 10 p.m.

This information is key to the town as the Town Clerk will send out a courtesy email to residents notifying them of the timing of the fireworks display so that they won't be startled and will have sufficient time to bring inside their pets.

We hope you enjoy your fireworks display!