

Fireworks Ordinance

Staying at home to celebrate the 4th of July? Please pay close attention to the following information.

When can I buy fireworks?

Fireworks are sold in Derby between June 27 and July 5.

Please remember to shoot fireworks where you buy them. Fireworks purchased out of state or outside the city limits may be illegal in the City of Derby. Possession of illegal fireworks, such as bottle rockets, is a misdemeanor and may result in confiscation and/or a fine of up to \$500.

When can I shoot fireworks?

June 27-July 3	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
July 4	8:00 a.m. to Midnight
July 5	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and follow these rules.

Where is shooting fireworks prohibited?

- Within 100 feet of any gasoline pump, filling station, or any building in which gasoline or flammable liquids are sold in quantities of more than one gallon, except in locations where flammables are handled in sealed containers only.
- Into, under, or on a car, whether moving or standing still.
- On a public roadway or the right-of-way adjacent to a public roadway (this includes residential streets).
- Within 100 feet of any retail fireworks stand or facility where fireworks are stored.

Fireworks Enforcement

The Derby Police Department responds to calls from the public concerning illegal use of fireworks.

If you need to report illegal use of fireworks, please call the Derby Police Department non-emergency line at 788-1557.

The most frequent complaint received by the Police Department involves instances of fireworks being used outside of the dates and times permitted.

Police officers have three options to enforce violations of these restrictions. Options include:

- 1) advice and warning;
- 2) confiscation of fireworks; or
- 3) issuance of a uniform criminal complaint and notice to appear in municipal court. Violation of the fireworks ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor, unless otherwise specified. Penalty for violation is up to \$500 in fines and up to one month in jail.

Officers have the authority to issue criminal complaints on violations that they personally observe. When responding to a call involving a violation observed by a third party (calling party), the officer must rely on the third party to sign the complaint and appear as a witness in Municipal Court.

In situations where the third party does not want to be contacted by the officer or refuses to sign the complaint, the officer will verbally warn those violating the fireworks ordinance of the consequences of their actions. In most cases, verbally warning a person that they are in violation of the ordinance solves the problem. If not, then a citation will be issued.

Questions? Please call the Derby Police Department at 788-1557.

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Background

In April 2008, the Derby City Council passed an ordinance requiring mandatory use of rain sensors in automatic irrigation systems in Derby.

Effective May 24, 2008, rain sensors are required for all new residential and commercial irrigations systems. Residents who already have automatic irrigation systems (both well and city water) will be required to be in compliance with the ordinance by July 1, 2009.

What's a rain sensor?

A rain sensor is an electronic device that measures rainfall and interrupts the irrigation cycle. The sensor turns off automatic irrigation systems when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen. Sensors are mounted above ground in an open area well-suited for gauging rain.

According to the ordinance, rain sensors need to be set to turn off the automatic irrigation system when 1/2 inch or more rain has fallen (although most sensors can be adjusted to a lower setting).

Why is this being required?

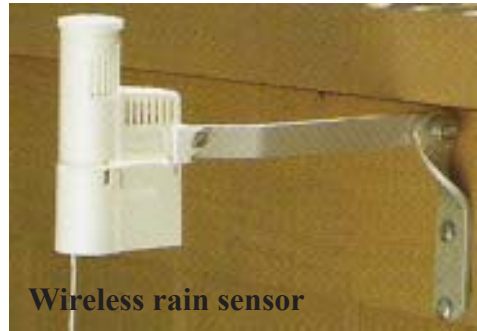
As a public water supplier, the City of Derby is making water conservation a priority. Water is an increasingly valuable commodity that should not be wasted. The City of Derby and the El Paso Water Company encourage residents and business owners to make water conservation practices a daily habit.

What do they look like?

There are two kinds of rain sensors available - wireless and hard-wired. Here are two examples:



Hard-wired rain sensor



Wireless rain sensor

Where can I buy a rain sensor?

Rain sensors can be found at most area garden centers. You may also research the different products available on-line. If you use a landscaping company or sprinkler system service provider, you may ask them for assistance.

How much do they cost?

Rain sensors generally cost between \$20 and \$60. Installation can be performed either by the property owner or by engaging the services of a sprinkler system service provider. You may choose between a wireless or hard-wired rain sensor.

If you have questions, please call the El Paso Water Company at 788-1424 or visit www.derbyweb.com.

Water Conservation Tips for Your Garden & Yard

- Water during the cooler parts of the day to cut down on evaporation. Early in the morning is the best time.
- Add compost to your soil to improve its water-holding capacity. Mulch acts as a blanket to keep in moisture and help prevent soil erosion, soil compression and weeds.
- Check for and repair leaky hose connections and sprinkler valves.
- Water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants, which require smaller amounts of water less often.
- Porous paving materials, such as brick, decomposed granite and gravel, used in patios and walkways help keep water in the garden.