

**DRAFT as of 1/13/2021**

**Section 5.5.5 on Fireworks, as of <date>, supercedes and adds to item 5-31.2 of First River Farms Rules and Regulation as June 20, 2016.**

### **5.5.5 Fireworks**

For the safety of our families, neighbors and homes, storing and using fireworks within the community is strictly limited.

#### *5.5.5.1 Fairfax County Law*

- a. Any firework that explodes, emits a flame or sparks higher than 12 feet, or performs as a projectile is prohibited by law in Fairfax County, so may not be stored or ignited anywhere in the First River Farms community. This prohibition includes but is not limited to firecrackers, cherry bombs and skyrockets.
- b. The use of fireworks of any kind is prohibited without a permit on any public land within the county. For First River Farms, this includes Holland Road, Tis Well Drive, and county parkland behind Clifton Farm and Carter Farm Courts.

#### *5.5.5.2 First River Farms*

- a. Fireworks permitted by county law (see the Fire Marshall's page on [fairfaxcounty.gov](http://fairfaxcounty.gov)) that do not emit sparks more than 5 feet in height or diameter may be used within the community. Such fireworks may include sparklers, snakes and small fountains.
  - Use of allowable fireworks is restricted to the resident's own sidewalk and front yard. Fireworks may not be used in any common areas (streets, parking areas, mailboxes, walkways and playgrounds).
  - When using fireworks, residents should keep a reasonable distance from nearby houses, vehicles, and combustible materials (overhanging tree limbs, bushes, mulch, fences) to guard against setting a fire or damaging neighbors' property.
  - Any debris resulting from the use of fireworks must be cleaned up immediately.
- b. The HOA Board of Directors reserves the right to ban all fireworks within the community during periods of drought when dry conditions exist.
- c. Fireworks should be stored in a cool, dry place.