

Fire, drinking rules for July 4 in the basin

Wildfire prevention is everyone's responsibility, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Possession of fireworks of any kind, including firecrackers and sparklers, is illegal in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Campfires and portable charcoal grills are not permitted on National Forest beaches or in the general forest. If planning to barbecue on the beach, bring a portable gas grill instead of charcoal.

Fire restrictions on National Forest System land in the Lake Tahoe Basin begin July 1. For complete information on fire restrictions, go **online**.

The annual alcohol ban will be in effect at Nevada Beach, Zephyr Cove Resort, and Zephyr Shoals (the former Dreyfus Estate) from 6am to midnight on July 4. In addition, county and state laws ban the possession or consumption of alcohol on the Truckee River from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows and Chamber's Landing Beach on the West Shore, beginning July 1 and continuing through July 6.

Day-use parking fees for July 4 at Pope, Baldwin, and Nevada beaches will be \$20 and at Zephyr Cove Beach \$25 to cover increased security and facility maintenance costs of the holiday.

Trash cans may become full, so plan ahead and pack out all garbage.