



Fireworks Update

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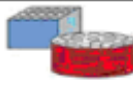

Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall Steve Ward

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Legal Fireworks and Illegal Fireworks

- The Arizona Legislature, by statute, has deemed fireworks a matter of statewide concern and further regulation by a city or town is limited unless authorized by A.R.S. § 36-1601 et al.
- “Legal Fireworks”
 - 1) “Permissible Consumer Fireworks (legal on authorized days)”: Ground/handheld sparklers, cylindrical fountains, ground “spinners”, toy smoke type devices. Does not include anything that is designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or to detonate in the air or to fly above the ground.
 - 2) “Novelty Items” (always legal): Snappers, snap caps, party poppers, glow worms, snakes, toy smoke devices and sparklers.
- “Illegal Fireworks”
 - Firecrackers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, torpedoes, roman candles, mine devices, shell devices and aerial shell kits or reloadable tubes.

Legal and Illegal Fireworks Breakdown

Legal Fireworks Novelty Items	Sparklers	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH HOT WOOD. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WOOD IN WATER.</div>			 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH GLOWING WIRE. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WIRE IN WATER.</div>		
	Smoker Devices	Smoke Balls	Cylindrical Smoke	Smoke Cone	Smoke Candle	<div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. PLACE ON HARD LEVEL SURFACE, LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.</div>	
	Novelties	Snakes	Party Poppers (Bottle)	Party Popper (Pistol)	Snappers/Drop Pops		
	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. LAY ON GROUND, LIGHT PELLET.</div>	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR PERSON. HOLD IN HAND – JERK STRING.</div>	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR OTHER PERSON. HOLD IN HAND – PULL TRIGGER SHARPLY.</div>	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. THROW ON GROUND OR AGAINST HARD SURFACE. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS.</div>			
Legal Fireworks Permissible Consumer	Ground Spinners			Ground Spinners			
	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. PLACE ON HARD, FLAT SURFACE. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE & GET AWAY.</div>						
	Sparkling Wheel Devices						
	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. NAIL TO POST OR STAKE SO THAT THE WHEEL WILL TURN FREELY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.</div>						
	Cylindrical Fountain	Square Fountain	Cone Fountain	California Rocket Shaped Fountain			
	 <div>CAUTION: FLAMMABLE USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. OUTDOOR USE ONLY. STICK FIRMLY IN GROUND IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION, REMOVE CAP FOR LIGHTING. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.</div>						
Illegal Fireworks	Sky Rockets/ Bottle Rockets	Firecrackers	Reloadable Shell Device/ Roman Candles	Arials	Single Tube Device w/ Report		
	WARNING!!! FLAMMABLE ROCKET	WARNING!!! EXPLOSIVE	WARNING!!! SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS	WARNING!!! SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS W/ REPORTS	WARNING!!! SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS W/ REPORTS		
							



Enforcement of Legal Sales and Use

- Sales point kiosks of consumer fireworks must be permitted by application through Accela. Upon approval of the application, the operator receives an approval email with a specific directive to sell legal fireworks only.
- Mesa Police has enforcement plan to include inspections, uniform enforcement and plain clothes enforcement.
- Prior to operating, each sales point on any Mesa street corner is inspected by a certified Mesa Fire Prevention Inspector. Upon successful inspection, a permit to operate is issued.
- Mesa Fire Prevention and Mesa Police “drop in” on these kiosks to assure only LEGAL fireworks are for sale.



SB1275

- Governor Ducey has signed SB1275 that will give cities and towns more authority to restrict permissible consumer fireworks during certain hours.
 - Will become effective during 90 days after the Legislature has adjourned.
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