



Consumer Fireworks and Illegal Fireworks in Mesa

- The Arizona Legislature, by statute, has deemed fireworks a matter of statewide concern and further regulation by a governing body is limited
- The City of Mesa follows Arizona State Statute and subscribes to safe and sane consumer fireworks use only as per **Arizona State Statute 36-1601**. This state statute defines how restrictive or expansive local jurisdictions can be regarding fireworks ordinances.
- "Permissible consumer fireworks": (1.4G Consumer fireworks)
- "Consumer firework" means small firework devices that contain restricted amounts of pyrotechnic composition designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion.
- Examples include 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.



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- Per Arizona Statute 36-1601, items not included as permissible consumer grade fireworks include:
- Firecrackers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, torpedoes, roman candles, mine devices, shell devices and aerial shell kits or reloadable tubes. These are not 1.3 G Professional Grade Fireworks. These are available for purchase by the general public where it is lawful to do so.
- 1.3G Professional Grade is what we all enjoy at The Celebration of Freedom.

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- Sales point kiosks of consumer fireworks must be permitted by application through Accela. Each sales point on Mesa street corners is inspected by a certified Mesa Fire Inspector. Upon successful inspection, a permit to operate is issued.



Not all fireworks are legal in Arizona



Permissible Sales/Use Dates of Legal Consumer Fireworks Per ARS 36-1601

CITY OF MESA FIREWORKS NOTICE

The use, discharge, or ignition of Arizona Permissible Consumer Fireworks is limited on private property, with the property owner's permission. Use, discharge, or ignition is prohibited in all public parks, public retention basins, and public facilities.

Arizona Revised Statutes Section 36-1601, et al. (SB 1348)

SALE of Consumer permissible fireworks is limited to:

April 25-May 6, May 20 - July 6

December 10 - January 3

USE of Consumer permissible fireworks is limited to:

May 4-6, June 24 - July 6

December 24 - January 3

Pursuant to **A.R.S. 36-1609**, a person shall not sell, or permit, or authorize the sale of Arizona permissible consumer fireworks to a person who is under 16 years of age.

The sale and use of novelties known as snappers (pop-its), party poppers, glow worms, snakes, toy smoke devices, and sparklers are permitted at all times.