

# Fireworks **Safety** Information



As the celebration of Independence Day approaches, Skamania County along with the City of Stevenson are asking that all persons use extreme caution.

Weather conditions for the next several days have created a fire ready environment. We are also under a state of emergency with the tunnel five fire which has caused extreme loss in the east end of our County. Also pursuant to City Code, the City of North Bonneville has issued a ban on fire-works.

Out of an abundance of caution and respect for the property of others, we ask that all residents and visitors to use extreme caution in all aspects of your 4th of July celebration.

An opportunity for a public display is available in Stevenson on the evening of July 4th.

In the event you choose to use fireworks on your property, please take the time to look through the information below to help minimize the risk of fire and injury.

- Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves and other materials that can easily catch fire. Light one firework at a time. Keep the firework you're lighting well away from unlit fireworks.
- Keep people and pets out of range before lighting fireworks. Light fireworks outdoors on a driveway or other paved surface least 25 feet away from houses and highly flammable materials such as dry grass or mulch. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

## **Five easy ways to protect your home from firework dangers**

- Clear your gutters. ...
- Put a sprinkler in your front yard and back yard.
- Remove dry brush from around your home and any outbuildings.
- Water bark around your home.
- Trim trees.

## **13 Tips to fireworks Safety**

<https://www.safewise.com/blog/fireworks-safety-guide/>



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**Fireworks Sales, Usage, Bans, or Restricted Sales/Use  
for the Independence Day and New Year's Day Holiday Periods**

**State Fireworks Law [RCW 70.77.395](#)**

Holiday	Date	Sales Period	Discharge Period
<b>Independence Day 4th of July</b>	June 28	12 p.m. to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 11 p.m.
	June 29 to July 3	9 a.m. to 11 p.m.	9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
	July 4	9 a.m. to 11 p.m.	9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight
	July 5	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
<b>New Year's Day</b>	December 27 to 30	12 p.m. to 11 p.m.	No Discharge
	December 31	12 p.m. to 11 p.m.	6 p.m. to 12 a.m. midnight
	January 1	No Sales	12 a.m. midnight to 1 a.m.

**Cities and Counties with Bans and Restrictions**

Cities and counties may have more restrictive fireworks laws or ordinances. Contact your local police or fire department to inquire about local rules, ordinances, and laws before purchasing or using fireworks.



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Safely  
Fireworks  
Campaign**

## WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS FOR SALE IN TENTS AND STANDS PER RCW 70.77.136

### Cylindrical Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



### Roman Candles

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



### Ground Spinners

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



### Helicopters, Aerial Spinners

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



### Parachutes

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



### Reloadable Mortars

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



### Cone Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



### Wheels

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



### Dipped Stick, Sparkler

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.



### Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



### Mine/Shells/Cakes

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern.  
Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky.  
Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



### Novelties

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.



\*\* Pictures shown are for illustrative purposes only and are not an endorsement of any brand or style of consumer firework.





# FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT ARE ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

**Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks:** These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.

### Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



### Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



### Bottle Rockets

A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



**Illegal Explosive Devices:** The possession, manufacturing, or using of illegal Explosive Devices is a criminal offense.

### M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.



### Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.



A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



### Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.

