

Office of the State Fire Marshal

A Bureau of the Washington State Patrol

Celebrate Legally Fireworks Enforcement Campaign

Descriptions of Legal Fireworks Devices and Illegal Explosive Devices

Legal Fireworks

RCW 70.77.136 "Consumer fireworks" means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the United States consumer product safety commission, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. Parts 1500 and 1507 and including some small devices designed to produce audible effects, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 mg or less of explosive materials, and aerial devices containing 130 mg or less of explosive materials and classified as fireworks UN0336 by the United States department of transportation at 49 C.F.R. Sec. 172.101 as of June 13, 2002, and not including fused set pieces containing components which together exceed 50 mg of salute powder.

SPARKLER:	Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition.
CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAIN:	Cylindrical tubes containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks and sometimes a whistling effect are produced. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground (spike foundation) or a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground (base foundation).
CONE FOUNTAIN:	Cardboard or heavy paper cone containing pyrotechnic composition. The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain.
ILLUMINATING TORCH:	Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, colored fire is produced.
WHEEL:	Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail. Each wheel may contain up to six driver units containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves producing a shower of color, sparks and sometimes a whistling effect.
GROUND SPINNER:	Small device similar to a wheel in design and effect, placed on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color.
FLITTER	Narrow paper tube containing pyrotechnic composition, which produces color and sparks upon ignition.
SPARKLER:	This device does not have a fuse for ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function.
MINE/SHELL:	Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base and containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, "stars" or other devices are propelled into the air. The tube remains on the ground.
COMBINATION ITEMS:	Firework devices containing a combination of two or more of the effects described in this section.
SMOKE DEVICE:	Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition which, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.
HELICOPTER	A tube containing pyrotechnic composition. 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 the flight.
AERIAL SPINNER:	
ROMAN CANDLE:	Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" (pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright colors) are individually expelled at several-second intervals.

Fireworks Legal on Tribal Land

Firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles and rockets are legal to possess and discharge on tribal lands. These items are illegal in Washington State and become illegal fireworks when possessed off tribal lands.

Illegal Explosive Devices

M-80's and larger, dynamite and any improvised, homemade or altered explosive devices such as tennis balls or cherry bombs are illegal explosive devices. Persons in possession or using illegal explosive devices can and should be charged with a felony.

Celebrate Safely It's Your Responsibility

Adult supervision around fireworks is important. Only adults should light fireworks and handle matches and lighters. Set family boundaries and talk with children about celebrating safely. Use care in selecting the area for discharge of fireworks, and the type of fireworks appropriate for that area. Weather conditions make grasses and other vegetation dry and vulnerable to fire.

Be Prepared... before you light fireworks

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets.
- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep pets safe indoors.
- Always keep water handy.

Be Safe... when lighting fireworks

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Only use outdoors.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud".

Be Responsible... after you finish

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate--clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- **HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FOURTH OF JULY!**

Personal fireworks
require personal
responsibility.



To learn more about fireworks safety go to www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/fireworks.htm or contact your local fire agency.



Fireworks Injury/Fire Report Device Recognition

Please circle the type of device that caused the injury (if known): Legal, Illegal and/or Explosives. This is the back side of the full Fireworks Injury/Fire Report. Both sides of the form along with the report compiled from the data can be located at <http://www.wa.gov/wsp/fireworks/default.htm>

WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL FIREWORKS (CIRCLE THE ITEM IN QUESTION)

Novelties		Smoke		Sparklers Morning Glory		Ground Spinners	
Multi Aerials		Helicopters		Reloadable 1 3/4" or less			
Parachutes		Cone & Fountains		Roman Candles			

FIREWORKS LEGAL ON TRIBAL LAND (CIRCLE THE ITEM IN QUESTION)

Firecrackers		Bottlerockets		Missiles & Rockets	
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ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVES (CIRCLE THE ITEM IN QUESTION)

M-80's M-100's or Larger Cherry Bombs Tennis Balls		Pipe Bombs Special Fireworks Tampered Altered Homemade
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Fireworks Sales and Discharge Laws

RCW 70.77.395 - Dates and times common fireworks may be sold or discharged.

June 28 th	Between 12:00 noon and 11:00 p.m.
June 29 th through July 3 rd	Between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
July 4 th	Between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.
July 5 th	Between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 31 st	Between 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

Cities and Counties with Bans and Restrictions - Following is a list of cities and counties with more restrictive fireworks laws or ordinances. If you have any questions about restrictions in your area, contact your local jurisdiction.

County/City	Restriction	County/City	Restriction
ADAMS		GRANT	
Othello	Banned	Ephrata	Restricted
BENTON		Moses Lake	Banned
Benton County	Restricted	GRAYS HARBOR	
Benton City	Restricted	Aberdeen	Restricted
Kennewick	Banned	Cosmopolis	Restricted
Prosser	Banned	KING	
Richland	Restricted	King County	Restricted
West Richland	Restricted	Auburn	Restricted
CHELAN		Beau Arts	Banned
Chelan County	Restricted	Bellevue	Banned
Cashmere	Restricted	Black Diamond	Restricted
Chelan City	Restricted	Bothell	Restricted
Wenatchee	Restricted	Burien	Banned
CLALLAM		Carnation	Banned
Port Angeles	Restricted	Clyde Hill	Banned
COWLITZ		Covington	Restricted
Kalama	Restricted	Des Moines	Banned
DOUGLAS		Duvall	Restricted
Coulee Dam	Banned	Enumclaw	Restricted
East Wenatchee	Restricted	Federal Way	Banned
FRANKLIN		Hunts Point	Banned
Franklin County	Banned	Issaquah	Banned
Pasco	Banned	Kenmore	Banned
		Kent	Restricted
		Kirkland	Banned
		Lake Forest Park	Banned
		Maple Valley	Restricted
		Medina	Banned
		Mercer Island	Restricted
		New Castle	Banned
		Normandy Park	Restricted
		North Bend	Restricted
		Pacific	Restricted

Redmond	Banned
Renton	Banned
SeaTac	Banned
Seattle	Banned
Shoreline	Banned
Skykomish	Restricted
Snoqualmie	Restricted
Tukwila	Banned
Woodinville	Banned
Yarrow Point	Banned

KITSAP

Kitsap County	Restricted
Bremerton	Restricted
Poulsbo	Restricted
Bainbridge Island	Restricted

KITTITAS

Kittitas County	Restricted
Ellensburg	Banned

LEWIS

Centralia	Restricted
Vader	Restricted

LINCOLN

Lincoln County	Restricted
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MASON

Shelton	Restricted
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OKANOGON

Okanogon County	Banned
Conconully	Restricted
Okanogan	Restricted
Omak	Restricted
Oroville	Banned

PACIFIC

South Bend	Restricted
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PIERCE

Tacoma	Banned
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SAN JUAN

San Juan County	Restricted
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SKAGIT

Anacortes	Banned
Burlington	Banned
La Conner	Restricted
Sedro-Woolley	Restricted

SNOHOMISH

Snohomish County	Restricted
Arlington	Restricted
Bothell	Restricted
Darrington	Restricted
Edmonds	Banned
Everett	Banned
Gold Bar	Banned
Index	Restricted
Lynnwood	Restricted
Marysville	Restricted
Mill Creek	Banned
Monroe	Restricted
Mountlake Terrace	Banned
Mukilteo	Banned
Stanwood	Restricted
Sultan	Restricted
Woodway	Banned

SPOKANE

Spokane County	Banned
Deer Park	Restricted
Millwood	Banned
Spokane City	Banned

STEVENS

Chewelah	Restricted
Marcus	Banned

THURSTON

Thurston County	Restricted
Lacey	Banned
Olympia	Restricted
Tumwater	Restricted

WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla City	Restricted
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WHITMAN

Colton	Banned
Pullman	Restricted

YAKIMA

Yakima County	Banned
Grandview	Restricted
Naches	Banned
Sunnyside	Banned
Selah	Banned
Tieton	Banned
Toppenish	Banned
Union Gap	Banned
Yakima City	Banned
Wapato	Banned

This list is subject to change, check with your county code or city ordinance.
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