

July 4th (2022)

The Arlington County Fire Department Fire Prevention Office approved this information.

LEGALITIES

- Fireworks that explode emit flames or sparks to a distance greater than 12 feet, have a burning fuse less than one and one half (1.5) inches long with a burning rate of fewer than 4 seconds, or emit projectiles, are illegal.
- Fireworks that explode in any form, such as firecrackers, mortars, and cherry bombs, are illegal.
- Fireworks that leave the ground or rise in the air (other than a fountain), such as bottle rockets, mortars, or roman candles, are illegal.
- The sale of fireworks to minors (less than 18 years of age) is prohibited unless a parent or legal guardian accompanies the minor.
- Usage of permissible fireworks by minors (less than 18 years of age) must be under adult supervision.
- Permissible fireworks shall be used on private property with the property owner's permission. Use of any fireworks on County, State or Federal property, such as streets, schools and parks, or any public right of way, is prohibited.
- The penalty for possession, distribution, use or sale of illegal fireworks is a Class 1 misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 or 12 months in jail, or both, and confiscation of the fireworks. Parties are subject to additional charges for the use of illegal fireworks, such as failure to obtain a Fire Prevention Permit and not being a Virginia State licensed Pyro technician.

SAFETY

- Minimum clearance area = 25 feet.
- Wet down the area before shooting fireworks.
- Follow the label directions carefully and use good sense.
- Buy fireworks only from established retail outlets displaying a valid permit issued by the **Arlington County Fire Department Fire Prevention Office**.

- A responsible adult, who is not under the influence of drugs and alcohol, must always supervise fireworks activities.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Use fireworks outdoors only, in a clear area, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Light only one at a time and then move away.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, or a bucket of water to place used fireworks in. Let them soak to ensure extinguishment before placing them in the regular trash for pickup.
- Fireworks must be used per the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.

Additional Information

Any questions from citizens on approved permissible consumer fireworks can be directed towards the State Fire Marshal's Office.

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<https://www.vafire.com/content/uploads/2022/06/Virginia-2022-Approved-Permissible-Consumer-Fireworks-List-Final-052022.pdf>