



# FIREWORKS



The information below is to be used only as a guide. Check with the [Fireworks Section of the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office](#) for the most up to date information, as well as a list of individual community restrictions.

The Town of Windham has no local ordinances regulating fireworks, however all state laws still apply. Only *permissible fireworks* as defined by [RSA 160-C:1](#) are permitted to be displayed in New Hampshire (*only on private property*).

## Noise Ordinance

Fireworks are still subject to the Town of Windham noise ordinance

## Unregulated Novelty Fireworks

Examples include sparklers, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Although these items may be used by those under 21 years of age, adult supervision is still recommended. **These novelty fireworks are the only class of fireworks permitted on public property without a permit.**

## Permissible Fireworks

[RSA 160-C:1](#) "Permissible fireworks" means the items on the [permissible fireworks list](#), in addition to cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, ground spinners, and wheels.

### Possession and Display of Permissible Fireworks

- Any person 21 years of age or older may possess permissible fireworks.
- Any person 21 years of age or older may display permissible fireworks on *private property* with the written consent of the owner, or in the owner's presence.
- Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

## Non-Permissible Fireworks

[Non-permissible fireworks](#) include any type of firecracker, bottle rocket, missile, sky rocket, reloadable aerial shells, hand-held fountains, salutes and any device that produces solely smoke.

## Illegally Manufactured Explosive Devices

[Illegally Manufactured Explosive Devices](#) are frequently referred to as fireworks because of their resemblance to a large firecracker. These items are commonly known as M-80s, M-100s, M-250s, M-500s, cherry bombs, quarter sticks, and blockbusters. These devices and others of like construction are federally banned explosive devices and never should be referred to as fireworks.



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## **Fireworks Safety Tips**

1. Follow your local and state laws regarding the display and possession of fireworks. Make certain to read and follow all directions, caution labels and warnings labels on each individual firework device.
2. Never allow children to handle, play with and/or light any type of fireworks.
3. Do not consume alcohol while handling fireworks.
4. Always display fireworks in a clear, open area free of overhead objects. Always provide for a safe distance between buildings and any viewing audience.
5. Always light fireworks on a hard, flat and level surface to insure stability of the device.
6. Never extend any part of your body over the top of any device.
7. Always ignite one device at a time.
8. Never attempt to re-ignite, alter, or fix any fireworks device which has failed to fire.
9. Always have a form of fire suppression nearby. (fire extinguisher, hose, or bucket of water)
10. Be cautious of igniting aerial devices during high wind conditions.
11. Never aims, point, throw, or shoot fireworks at another person.
12. Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place and dispose of properly.

Check the New Hampshire Department of Safety Office of the State Fire Marshal or the Windham Fire Department at 434-4907 for more information.