

Poulsbo Police Department

Fireworks Safety Tips

Before you light fireworks

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

When lighting fireworks

- Only an adult should light fireworks.
- Only light during permissible times (per city code).
- Use outdoors only.
- Find a safe area away from buildings and vegetation.
- Be considerate—aim away from others houses and property.
- Light one firework at a time and move away.
- Never relight a "dud".

After you finish

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate—clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.

CITY OF POULSBO – Poulsbo Municipal Code

8.20.265 Hours of sale and discharge of fireworks.

A. No fireworks shall be sold, offered for sale, or exposed for sale at any time within the city except as follows:

1. Between the hours of 12noon and 11pm on June 28th of each year;
2. Between the hours of 9am and 11pm on each day from June 29th through July 4th of each year;
3. Between the hours of 9am and 9pm on July 5th of each year; and
4. Between the hours of 12noon to 11pm on December 27th through December 31st of each year.

B. No person shall ignite, explode, use, burn, or discharge any fireworks at any time within the city except:

1. Between the hours of 12noon and 11pm on June 28th of each year;
2. Between the hours of 9am and 11pm on each day from June 29th through July 4th of each year;
3. Between the hours of 9am and 9pm on July 5th of each year; and
4. Between the hours of 6pm on December 31st of each year and 1am on January 1st of the subsequent year.

C. The prohibition set forth in subsection B of this section shall not apply to public displays of fireworks that have been approved as provided in this section. The city council may approve a public display of fireworks on dates and at times not otherwise allowed under this section if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The public display of fireworks is to be conducted in conjunction with a recognized community festival, such as Viking Fest or a similar event, or the public display is to be conducted in order to recognize an event of historic, cultural, or community significance to the city of Poulsbo; and
2. Impacts to persons and properties in the vicinity from traffic, noise, and other deleterious effects have been adequately mitigated; and
3. A public display permit as required by this chapter has been applied for and approved, and the conditions of such permit have been or will be complied with.

D. Any person violating any of the regulations contained in this section shall be punished as provided in Sections [8.20.280](#) and [8.20.290](#) of the Poulsbo Municipal Code. (Ord. 2005-19 § 1, 2005; Ord. 2002-22 § 8, 2002; Ord. 2001- 09 § 1, 2001; Ord. 95-15 § 1, 1995)



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.



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.



Cone Fountain

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



Smoke Devices

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



Roman Candles

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



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.



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.



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.



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.



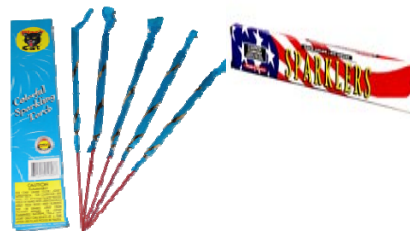
Reloadable Mortars

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.



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.



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.





FIREWORK 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

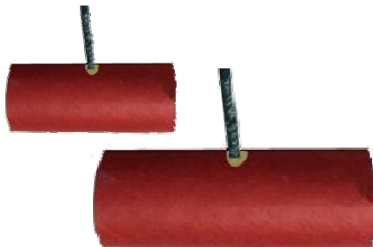
A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



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.

