

Fireworks Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Which fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use?

Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. Typically, consumer grade fireworks are fireworks that can be purchased legally in PA. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents.



“Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

Q: Who can purchase consumer fireworks?

Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

Q: What are the restrictions on where consumer fireworks can be used?

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Q: Can I discharge consumer fireworks in a Township Park or Recreation Area?

No. Lower Macungie Township prohibits the use of consumer fireworks on any Township owned property. Violators of these regulations may be subject to a citation to include fines and penalties as set forth by the District Magistrate.

Please remember, if choosing to use consumer fireworks, you **MUST** abide by State Regulations and above all, the use of consumer fireworks should always be done in a safe and responsible manner. <https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/Pages/fireworks-safety.aspx>

For complete information please see House Bill 542 which was signed into law on October 30, 2017