

Fireworks Sales

All fireworks retail sales locations must be inspected by a representative of the State Fire Marshal or of a local fire department that inspects, at the request of the State Fire Marshal, in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the State Fire Marshal.

All locations where consumer fireworks are sold at retail, including all tents or temporary structures, must have a permit issued by the State Fire Marshal for that specific location. The retailer is required to post the permit at the retail sales stand so that it is easily seen by the public.

At each retail stand, the retailer shall provide:

- a posted certificate of compliance including a descriptive list of approved fireworks.
- a salesperson who is at least (16) years of age.

Fireworks may not be sold from a motor vehicle.

For more information about fireworks laws, visit:

Indiana Law Code: 22-11-14
www.in.gov./legislative/ic/code/title22/ar11/ch14.html

Indiana Department of Homeland Security
www.in.gov/dhs

LaPorte Municipal Code
www.municode.com

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Fire & Building Safety Division recommends that consumers check the fireworks they purchase to ensure they contain the following information:

- Class “C”
- Consumer Fireworks
- 1.4 g

If you find a package that you cannot read because it is in a foreign language, it reads Class “B” fireworks, or 1.3 g, IDHS strongly encourages you to call the Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline (1-800-638-2772).

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What You Should Know
About

Fireworks



Indiana Fireworks Law and Local Fireworks Ordinance



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Types of Legal Fireworks

Consumer and Section 8(a) fireworks include bottle rockets, roman candles, fire crackers, sparklers, ground spinners, cone fountains, wheels and cylindrical fountains.

These are legal to purchase, possess and discharge in the State of Indiana, if you are 18 years of age or older.

Those less than 18 years of age may only possess and discharge legal fireworks when accompanied by an adult.



Discharging Fireworks

Fireworks may be discharged on:

- The user's property
- The property of someone who granted permission to discharge fireworks on their property.
- At a special discharge location.

Penalties State of Indiana

A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks at a site other than a special discharge location, the property of the person using the fireworks, or the property of another who has given permission to use consumer fireworks commits a Class C infraction.

A person less than 18 years of age who possess or uses fireworks when an adult is not present and responsible at the location commits a Class C infraction.

A person who ignites, discharges, or uses consumer fireworks: (a) after 11:00 p.m., except on a holiday or December 31, on which dates consumer fireworks may not be ignited, discharged, or used after midnight; or (b) before 9:00 a.m. commits a Class C infraction.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and causes harm to the property of a person commits a Class A misdemeanor.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and results in bodily injury to a person commits a Class D felony.

A person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses consumer fireworks and the violation results in the death of a person commits a Class C felony.

City of LaPorte Ordinance

LaPorte's Municipal Code states that consumer fireworks may be discharged within the city limits on the following dates and times:

- From June 28th through July 3rd, and from July 5th through July 9th; Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- On July 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31st (New Year's Eve) and 1:00 a.m. January 1st (New Year's Day).

The penalty for violation of this ordinance is a fine of \$300.00.

Article 1. Sec. 70-4. Consumer Fireworks

