



TOWNSHIP OF WARMINSTER

Department of Emergency Management & Services

PUBLIC SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS-2016

The following information is intended to help our residents and those that do business in Warminster Township understand the Pennsylvania and Federal Laws regulating the sale and use of fireworks and similar products that we have taken to accept as "fireworks".

There are two types of fireworks: Display and Consumer.

- Display fireworks are those that you see during large shows on the 4th of July and after the Phillies games. They are **not available** to the general public.
- Consumer fireworks are available to the public in many states; however, they are **illegal to use or possess in Pennsylvania** unless you are a dealer.
 - Ø **Sparkling devices, Novelties and Caps**: associated with consumer fireworks are other items that are considered sparkling devices, novelties and caps, these **are legal**. They may say fireworks on the package but they are not considered Consumer Fireworks by Pennsylvania law.

Consumer fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, and Roman candles among others. Use or possession of consumer fireworks is a summary offense.

State law prohibits the use of Consumer and Display Fireworks in Pennsylvania without a permit.

Items defined as "ground and hand-held sparkling devices", "novelties" and "toy caps" in American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) Standard 87-1 are not currently regulated by State Law; therefore, their sale and use are permissible. These "non-fireworks" are the only types allowed to be sold from tents, stands, convenience stores, retail establishments and other various outlets not licensed by the Department of Agriculture. (Title 35, Chapter 13A, Sections 1271 & 1275)

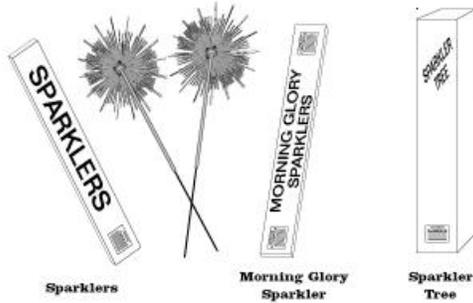
The bottom line is that if it leaves the ground or is a firecracker, it is still illegal to possess or use in Pennsylvania and can be confiscated and a citation issued.

Finally, keep in mind that the use of these sparklers, fountains and novelty devices can cause severe burns and eye injuries. They burn hot! They have caused and will cause damage to buildings and cars. If you use these items, use common sense. BE SAFE!!

Reference: Pennsylvania Title 35. Health and Safety/Chapter 13A- Fireworks and Explosives

SPARKLERS AND NOVELTIES LEGAL FOR SALE & USE IN PENNSYLVANIA

SPARKLERS



Sparkling Devices: Morning Glories

CAUTION FLAMMABLE

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH HOT WOOD. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WOOD IN WATER.

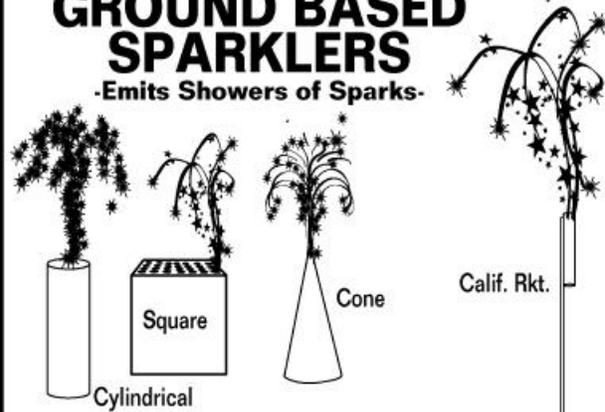
Sparkling Devices: Wire Stick

CAUTION FLAMMABLE

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH GLOWING WIRE. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WIRE IN WATER.

GROUND BASED SPARKLERS

-Emits Showers of Sparks-



CAUTION Emits Showers of Sparks

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. PLACE UPRIGHT ON GROUND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND.

CAUTION Emits Showers of Sparks

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. STICK FIRMLY IN GROUND IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION. REMOVE CAP FOR LIGHTING. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

GROUND SPARKLING DEVICES



BALL & DISK

SPINS ON GROUND. EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS.



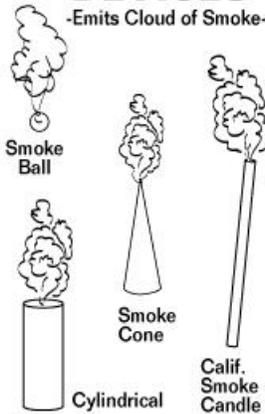
CYLINDRICAL

Ground Bloom Flowers/ Crazy GroundHogs
SPINS ON GROUND. EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS.

**CAUTION
SPINS ON GROUND
EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS**
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. PLACE ON HARD, FLAT SURFACE. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

SMOKE DEVICES

-Emits Cloud of Smoke-



Smoke Ball

Smoke Cone

Calif. Smoke Candle

Smoke Balls. Toy Smoke Devices

**CAUTION
FLAMMABLE**
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NOVELTIES



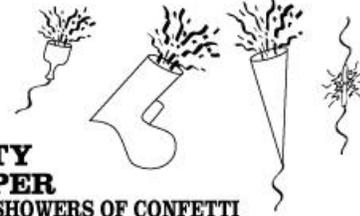
SNAKES
(BLACK PELLET EMITS BLACK ASH)

**CAUTION
FLAMMABLE**
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. LAY ON GROUND. LIGHT PELLET.



SNAPPERS / DROP POPS

CAUTION
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. THROW OR CHUCK OR AGGRESSIVE CONTACT. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.



PARTY POPPER EMITS SHOWERS OF CONFETTI

PARTY POPPERS - BOTTLE TYPE
**CAUTION
FLAMMABLE**
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR OTHER PERSON. HOLD IN HAND - JERK STRIKE.

PARTY POPPERS - PISTOL TYPE
**CAUTION
FLAMMABLE**
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR OTHER PERSON. HOLD IN HAND - PULL TRIGGER SHARPLY.

MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN 0.25 GRAINS OF EXPLOSIVE MIXTURE.



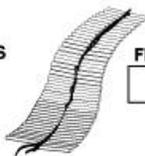
ALL OTHER FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

except as part of a Permitted Public Fireworks Display.



SKY ROCKETS / BOTTLE ROCKETS

**WARNING
FLAMMABLE ROCKET**



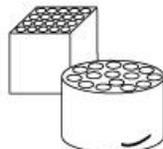
FIRECRACKERS

**WARNING
EXPLOSIVE**



RELOADABLE SHELL DEVICE
/ ROMAN CANDLES

**WARNING
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS**



AERIALS

**WARNING
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS w/REPORTS**



SINGLE TUBE DEVICE
WITH REPORT

**WARNING
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS w/REPORTS**