
Public Service Announcement

NOTICE REGARDING THE USE OF FIREWORKS

Please take notice of the following:

- The use of fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is illegal.
- Consumer & Low Impact Fireworks are legal per the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act to celebrate Independence Day in 2023 after 11:00 AM on June 29th until 11:45 PM on July 4th.
- Per City Ordinance, Consumer & Low Impact Fireworks are also legal to be used on any day that City Council has approved the use of commercial fireworks within the City. This year, July 8th has been approved as the day the Freedom Festival may launch commercial fireworks, and therefore is also a day when consumer and low impact fireworks may be used after 11:00 AM until 11:45 PM.
- Consumer Fireworks produce visible and/or audible effects, typically launch aurally, & include but are not limited to:
 - Bottle Rockets
 - Mortars
 - Roman Candles
 - Firecrackers
- Low Impact Fireworks typically are ground based & include but are not limited to:
 - Sparklers (hand-held and/or ground based)
- Consumer Fireworks are *illegal* to be used on public property, school property, church property, or property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission. **CONSUMER FIREWORKS MAY NOT BE USED ON ANY CITY OF CADILLAC PROPERTY, INCLUDING PARKS & FIELDS**

The City of Cadillac wishes everyone a very happy and safe Independence Day!

For inquiries regarding the personal use of consumer fireworks, please contact Anthony Wolff, Cadillac Fire Marshal, at (231) 779-7364.

The following pages include additional information regarding the use of fireworks.

200 North Lake Street
Cadillac, Michigan, 49601
Phone 231-775-3491 or
Fax 231-775-1408

CONSUMER FIREWORKS INFORMATION

- **CONSUMER FIREWORKS** are defined as “fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR Parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks.”
- **NOVELTY FIREWORKS** and **LOW IMPACT FIREWORKS** are not regulated by local laws. Examples of novelty fireworks include pop-drops/snappers and smoke balls. Examples of low impact fireworks include ground based and/or handheld sparklers and smoke devices. Novelty and low impact fireworks can be used on private property if they are not becoming a nuisance.
- **CONSUMER FIREWORKS** include but are not limited to roman candles, bottle rockets, mortars, and firecrackers.
- **CONSUMER FIREWORKS** may only be used in the City of Cadillac as follows:
 - For New Year’s Eve - After 11 AM December 31st – 1AM January 1st
 - For Memorial Day – After 11 AM on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 PM on each of those days.
 - For Independence Day – After 11:00 AM from June 29th through July 4th, and on the day that the City observes the Fourth of July (day of community fireworks display) until 11:45 PM on each of those days. If July 5th falls on a Friday or Saturday, then after 11:00 AM until 11:45 PM on the 5th.
 - For Labor Day - After 11 AM on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 PM on each of those days.
 - After 11:00 AM until 11:45 PM on any day that the City Council has approved the use of commercial fireworks within the City.

These rules apply exclusively to **CONSUMER FIREWORKS**, not **FIREWORK DISPLAYS**

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FIREWORKS SAFETY – CONSUMER FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20-minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- FAA regulations prohibit the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the Fire or Police Department.

Tips courtesy of the National Council on Fireworks Safety

<http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-tips/>



Fireworks

Introduction

The Fireworks Safety Act of 2012 made the sale, use, and possession of consumer fireworks legal in Michigan. Consumer fireworks are fireworks that are designed to produce visible and/or audible effects by combustion, such as firecrackers, Roman candles, and bottle rockets. (see photos on page 2). The seller of consumer fireworks must annually obtain a consumer fireworks certificate issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

2018 Amendments Authorizing More Local Government Control

A local unit of government may enact an ordinance regulating the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks, including, but not limited to, an ordinance prescribing the hours of the day or night during which a person may ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks. The ordinance shall not regulate the ignition, discharge, or use of consumer fireworks on the following days after 11 a.m.:

- December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1;
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days;
- July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.; and
- The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

An ordinance shall impose a civil fine of \$1,000 for each violation and provide for the remittance of \$500 of the fine to the local law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

Display Fireworks

Cities, villages, and townships are responsible, under Michigan law (MCL 28.466), for issuing permits for display fireworks and articles pyrotechnic (e.g. professional displays during concerts or shows). Fireworks application and permit forms are provided only to the city, village, or township (the local permitting authority), and are available only from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Bureau of Fire Services at (517) 241-0691.

No Burning Restrictions

If the department of natural resources fire division elevates fire conditions to 1) extreme or 2) very high for 72 consecutive hours, the commanding fire officer of a city, village, township, or county, in consultation with the department, can enforce a no burning restriction that includes a ban on consumer fireworks. If instituted, the commanding fire officer shall ensure that adequate notice of the restriction is provided to the public; and, not more than 24 hours after the fire condition is downgraded, the commanding fire officer shall lift the restriction and inform the public in the same manner that the restriction was announced or made known to the public.

Temporary Structures

Beginning August 1, 2019, local governments with a population of 100,000 or more or located in a county with a population of 750,000 or more may enact or enforce an ordinance that regulates the use of temporary structures. The ordinance may restrict the number of permits issued for a temporary structure; regulate the distance required between two or more temporary structures; or regulates the use of temporary structures as part of a zoning ordinance.

The ordinance may not prohibit the temporary storage, transportation, or distribution of fireworks by a consumer fireworks certificate holder at a retail location that is a permanent building or structure; “temporary structure” means a movable structure that is used in the sale, display, storage, transportation, or distribution of fireworks, including, but not limited to, a tent or a stand.



Fireworks in Michigan

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Legal Consumer Fireworks



Aerials



Reloadable Shell Device

Roman Candles



Firecrackers



Missile Type
Rockets



Helicopter/
Aerial Spinners



Bottle Rockets/
Sky Rockets

Single Tube
Device with
Report



Legal Low Impact Fireworks

Ground Based or Handheld Sparklers



Sparklers &
Sparkler Trees



Cylindrical



Cone

Sparkling Wheel Devices



Ground Sparkling Devices



Ball & Disk



Cylindrical



Square

Calif. Rocket



Smoke Devices



Cylindrical



Smoke Cone



Calif. Smoke Candle

May Not Have More Than 500g of Explosive Mixture.

Novelties



Snappers/
Drop Pops



Snakes



Party Poppers



Smoke Ball



Sparkling Devices

Novelties are not regulated in Michigan.