

## What is legal....cont'd....

**Wheels**— a device attached to a tree or post. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks.

Sometimes a whistling effect is produced.

**Ground Spinners** - Similar to a Wheel in design and effect. It is placed on the ground and a shower of sparks and color is produced.

**Filter Sparklers** - A narrow paper tube producing color and sparks upon ignition. Does not have a fuse for ignition.

**Smoke Devices** - Tube or sphere which produces white or colored smoke as its primary effect.

**Helicopters** - A tube not more than 1/2 inch in diameter. A propeller or blade is attached to lift the spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of the flight.

**Roman Candles** - A heavy paper or cardboard tube no more than 3/8 inner diameter. Upon ignition, no more than 10 “stars” are expelled at second intervals.

**Mines or Shells** - Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base. Propels “stars”, firecrackers, or other devices upon ignition

The National Council on Fireworks Safety issued the following safety tips to help ensure a safe and enjoyable

holiday:

- Always read and follow label directions
- Have an adult supervise all fireworks activities
- Avoid sparklers! They can catch clothing on fire
- Ignite outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles
- Keep a bucket of water handy
- Light fireworks one at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Never throw fireworks at another person
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- Eye protection should always be worn by the fireworks shooter
- No part of the shooter’s body should be over the fireworks
- Know where the closest phone is located - or carry a cell phone-in case a fire occurs and the fire department is needed

# Fireworks SAFETY



**LAKWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
9401 Lakewood Drive  
Lakewood, WA 98499

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**WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE**  
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## Lakewood Police and Fire

Departments remind you to use fireworks safely and responsibly!

### Lakewood Municipal Code - Fireworks

#### 08.68.020 - General Provisions

Each of the following are hereby declared to be unlawful within the City of Lakewood:

- A. For any person to offer for sale, at retail or wholesale, or to sell, at retail or wholesale, any fireworks without having first obtained a permit or license to do so.
- B. For any person to possess, use or explode, any dangerous fireworks or any fireworks other than those listed as being able to be sold to the public in WAC 212-17-198, except as specifically provided for public displays in this Chapter.
- C. For any person to sell, possess, use or explode any fireworks except as provided in this Chapter.
- D. For any person to sell, at retail or wholesale, or offer for sale, at retail or wholesale, any fireworks to be sold within the City except from 11:00am to 9:00pm on June 28th through July 4th of any year.
- E. For any person to use, discharge or explode any fireworks in a negligent or reckless manner, or during a period

other than from 11:00am to 11:00pm from July 3rd through July 5th of any year and from 11:00pm, December 31 to 1:00am, January 1.

- F. For any person to sell, at retail or wholesale, or offer for sale, at retail or wholesale, fireworks to any person under the age of sixteen (16) years of age. It shall be the responsibility of any seller of fireworks to obtain and/or require proof of age of any customer at time of purchase.
- G. For any person under the age of sixteen (16) years of age to possess or to discharge any fireworks within the City without direct supervision of his/her parent or guardian.
- H. In addition, it shall be unlawful for any person to use, discharge or explode any type of fireworks in any manner on any school grounds or park located within the City of Lakewood or in any City rights of way.

To learn more about Lakewood Municipal Code 8.68 - Fireworks, visit the City website at [www.cityoflakewood.us](http://www.cityoflakewood.us)

**Violations of the Fireworks section of Lakewood Municipal Code are subject to civil infractions (\$75) and/or criminal citations up to \$1,000 (LMC 08.28090)**

For more about fireworks safety information and public fireworks displays, visit: [www.westpierce.org](http://www.westpierce.org)

- Parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.
- You cannot possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged, in or into any park area any firecracker, torpedo, rocket, firework, explosive, or substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property. (LMC 08.76.520)
- You cannot use any Clover Park School District property for the purpose of using or exploding fireworks.

#### **What is legal...?**

**Dipped Sticks and Sparklers** - A stick or wire coated device that produces a shower of sparks.

**Ground and Hand-Held Sparkling Devices**

**Cylindrical or Cone Fountains** - Cylindrical tubes that shower colored sparks. Sometimes a whistling effect is produced. May have a spike, base or handle for use.

**Illuminating Torches** - A cylindrical tube which produces colored fire upon ignition. May have a spike, base or handle for use.