

# Fireworks FAQ

## 1. What are “permitted” fireworks?

Permissible consumer fireworks specifically include ground and hand-held sparkling devices, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, wire sparklers and dipped sticks.

## 2. What are “prohibited” fireworks?

Prohibited fireworks are anything designed or intended to rise into the air and explode or to detonate in the air or to fly above the ground, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, torpedoes, roman candles and jumping jacks.

## 3. Where can I set off permitted fireworks?

In the city of Glendale, you can only use permissible consumer fireworks on private property that you are legally entitled to be present on.

## 4. Where are fireworks prohibited?

In the city of Glendale, you cannot use any type of fireworks on public property. This includes city property, city parks, city-maintained sidewalks and city-maintained streets.

## 5. Can I set off fireworks on private property that I do not have permission to be on?

No, that would be considered trespassing.

## 6. Can I set off fireworks on city streets, sidewalks or parks?

No, not within the city of Glendale because these are public property.

## 7. What are some safety tips for using consumer fireworks?

- Only use permitted consumer fireworks. Fireworks purchased in other states or countries may not be legal in Arizona. [Click here](#) to view the flyer of permitted fireworks available for sale in Arizona.
- Use good common sense and always follow the directions on each firework.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Always have an adult present when fireworks are being used.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass, trees and combustible materials.
- Have a bucket of water and a continuous water source (garden hose) available whenever possible.

- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water overnight before draining and disposing in an outdoor trash container.
- Never dispose of unused fireworks by placing them in a trash container, as they pose a serious fire hazard.
- Light only one item at a time and keep a safe distance.
- Remember, some fireworks, like sparklers, burn at several hundred degrees and can cause severe injury or property damage. Be careful!

#### **8. Who do I call to report illegal fireworks?**

You can call the Police Department's non-emergency number 623-930-3000. Please call 911 if there is a fire or an emergency.

#### **9. What information do I need to provide when calling to report illegal fireworks?**

As much information as possible and include at the minimum: the location where the suspected **illegal** fireworks are being ignited and, if possible, the identity of the individuals involved along with a physical description.

#### **10. Why did the law change regarding the use of fireworks?**

This was a legislative decision made by members of the Arizona State Legislature. The state statutes relating to fireworks can be found at [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov) under Arizona Revised Statutes 36-1601 through 36-1610.

#### **11. What penalties can result from the illegal use of fireworks in Glendale?**

The penalty for setting off fireworks in a prohibited area within the city of Glendale is a class 1 misdemeanor, which carries up to six months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500.