

Augusta County Board of Supervisors

At the November 23, 2010, Augusta County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board adopted the State Fire prevention Code as it relates to fireworks. By enacting this Code, regulations may be enforced related to possessing or deploying of illegal fireworks.

State Fire Prevention Code

Augusta County Code § 4-51–52

Code of VA, § 15.2–974

Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Chapter 9, § 27–94 and § 27-97



Enforcement

The Augusta County Sheriff's Office is the agency responsible for the enforcement of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code related to illegal fireworks.

Fireworks Safety

Know the difference between legal consumer fireworks and dangerous explosive devices. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks, they are federally banned explosives that can cause serious injury or even death.

Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks. The items should display the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

Don't make fireworks at home from your own ingredients or purchased kits.



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Verona, VA 24482
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Fireworks Guide for Augusta County



What are Fireworks?

A device consisting of a combination of explosives and combustibles, set off to generate colored lights, smoke and noise for amusement.

Permitted Fireworks

Sparklers, fountains, pharaoh's serpents, and whirligigs.

Illegal Fireworks

Firecrackers, skyrocketes, torpedoes, and other fireworks which explode, travel laterally, rise into the air, or fire projectiles.

Additional Information

For additional information, application, regulations, etc. call 540-245-5298 or visit www.co.augusta.va.us.



Fireworks Permit

If you are a business, organization, or individual wishing to deploy fireworks (with the exception of permitted fireworks) at an event, a Fireworks Permit is required. Please contact the County's Department of Fire and Rescue in order to obtain the permit. Permit requirements:

1. Submit a letter of application noting day, time and location of proposed deployment.
2. Submit a site plan of the proposed display.
3. A minimum personal liability and property damage insurance certificate of \$500,000. The County shall be named in addition to the insured on the certificate of insurance.
4. A Pyrotechnician Certification must be received from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Please contact the State Office at 804-371-0220, statefiremarshal@vdfp.virginia.gov or 1005 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059.
5. The fireworks display must comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) #1123 Outdoor Display of Fireworks and #1124 Manufacture, Transportation and Storage of Fireworks.
6. The deployment site must be approved by the Fire and Rescue Department. A visit should be coordinated with the shooter and conducted prior to approval of the permit application.

Safety Tips at Home

Fireworks should only be used under adult supervision.

Fireworks should only be used outdoors on a driveway, sidewalk or other fire-resistant surface. Remember, fires are caused by careless handling of fireworks in areas exposed to sparks or live fireworks.

Never ignite fireworks during high winds where flying sparks can start a fire.

Keep a bucket of water handy in case sparks start a fire.

Be sure children around fireworks know to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches on fire.

Deposit sparklers in a metal container as they may be stepped on while hot or lost in the grass and stepped on while playing.

Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.

Never try to re-ignite fireworks that malfunction or fail to go off.

Do not wear loose clothing when using fireworks.

Never experiment or make your own fireworks.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket.