

## Fireworks FAQ

What any Pennsylvania resident 18 or older can purchase or use is defined as:

consumer-grade fireworks with a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. Examples include firecrackers, Roman Candles, and bottle rockets. They are also known as 1.4G Fireworks. These are sold at the licensed fireworks facilities in Pennsylvania.

Act 43 places the following restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks by the general public:

- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of any occupied structure;
- They cannot be ignited or discharged on public or private property without express permission of the property owner;
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building;
- They cannot be discharged towards a motor vehicle or building; and
- They cannot be discharged by a person who is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Note that these consumer-grade fireworks are NOT the same as the professional displays that you see various communities or amusement locations providing on holidays or other special occasions. These professional fireworks are called "display fireworks" in the act and include salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions. They are also known as 1.3G Fireworks. These types of fireworks may only to be purchased, stored, and used by federally licensed professionals. This is the only type of fireworks display that requires a municipal permit.

Jackson Township does **NOT** regulate the use of Fireworks. If you reside in an area with a Home Owners Association, contact the HOA for any additional regulations or prohibitions. Please contact the Pennsylvania Police in Fern Ridge with any concerns or visit the State Police website at:

<https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/Pages/fireworks-safety.aspx>

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