

Fireworks Fact Sheet

Examples of fireworks that are now legal to sell, possess and use by the public on or after April 30, 2002 as permitted by Minnesota Statute 624.20 (C)

Examples of fireworks that continue to be illegal to sell, possess, and use, except as permitted under Minnesota Statute 624.20

Wire or wood sparklers of not more than 100 grams of mixture per item. Other sparkling items which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and contain 75 grams or less of chemical mixture per tube or a total of 200 grams or less for multiple tubes and include:

- Cylindrical fountain Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks or smoke and sometimes a whistling effect is produced.

- Cone Fountain The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain. When more than 1 cone is mounted on a common base, total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed 200 grams.

- Illuminating Torch

- Wheel - Pyrotechnic device intended to be attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.

- Ground Spinner - Small device venting out an orifice usually on the side of the tube. Similar in operation to a wheel but intended to be placed flat on the ground and ignited. The rapidly spinning device produces a shower of sparks and color.

- Flitter Sparkler - Narrow paper tube attached to a stick or wire that produces color and sparks upon ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function.

- Flash/Strobe - Emit a bright light. Novelty items such as snakes and glow worms, smoke devices, or trick noisemakers which include paper streamers, party poppers, string poppers, snappers, and drop pops, each consisting of not more than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture.

- Any fireworks that are explosive

- Any fireworks that are aerial

- Firecrackers (any size)

- Ladyfingers

- Sky rockets

- Bottle rockets

- Missile type rockets

- Helicopters, aerial spinners, planes, UFOs

- Roman Candles

- Mines or shells (heavy cardboard or paper tube(s) attached to a base – upon ignition stars, balls or reports are propelled into the air)

- Chasers

- Parachutes

- 1.3G Display (special or class B) Fireworks

- Aerial shells

- Theatrical pyrotechnics (see Minn. Stat. 624.20 to 624.25)

Basically, any fireworks listed above are still not legal for public sale, possession or use, except with a permit and by a certified operator according to Minnesota Statute 624.20. (i.e. these fireworks are still not legal unless a permit has been issued by the local jurisdiction and they are used by a state certified operator).