

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit application must be submitted at least 15 days prior to date of fireworks display. Applicant must provide a \$500 bond conditioned for the payment of all damages which may be caused to person(s) or property by reason of the display and arising from any acts of the applicant, or agents, employees or subcontractors of the applicant.

Location of fireworks display: _____ Display Date: _____

Display Start Time: _____ AM/PM Display End time: _____ AM/PM

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's address: _____

Applicant's phone no.: _____

Property owner's name: _____

Property owner's address: _____

Property owner's phone no.: _____

Description of event: _____

Contractor/Fireworks Shooter's name: _____

Contractor/Fireworks Shooter's address: _____

PA State Contractor Registration Number: _____

Contractor's phone no.: _____

LIST THE NUMBER AND KINDS OF FIREWORKS TO BE DISCHARGED:

A STATEMENT INDICATING THE MANNER AND PLACE OF STORAGE OF SUCH FIREWORKS PRIOR TO THE DISPLAY:

SKETCH BELOW OR ATTACH A DRAWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER SHOWING THE LOCATION WHERE FIREWORKS WILL BE SETUP AND DISPLAYED, SHOWING THE POINT AT WHICH THE FIREWORKS ARE TO BE DISCHARGED, INCLUDING DISTANCES FROM ALL NEARBY STRUCTURES, BUILDINGS AND SHEDS, NEARBY TREES AND SHRUBBERY, UTILITY POLES AND OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES:

Every such display shall be handled by a competent operator and shall be of such a character and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department or other designated official, after proper inspection, to not be hazardous to property or endanger any person or persons. After such privilege shall have been granted, possession and use of consumer fireworks for such display shall be lawful for that purpose only. No permit shall be transferable. Application is hereby made for a Fireworks Display permit in accordance with Chapter 7, Part 4 of the Salisbury Township Code of Ordinances, "Fireworks" and the PA Fireworks Law – Title 35, Ch. 13A. "Fireworks and Explosives". The undersigned acknowledges to have been granted permission to display fireworks from owner(s) of such premises where the proposed display will take place. The undersigned applicant is aware of the dangers of fireworks and is willing to assume full responsibility for using such products. The undersigned understands and agrees that Salisbury Township and its officers, employees, agents and assigns are not liable for any damage or injury that may occur as a result of the possession or use of fireworks. The undersigned also agrees to allow a Salisbury Township Fire Chief or designated official access to inspect location of proposed fireworks display. The proposed display will conform with all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED:	TOWNSHIP SECRETARY APPROVAL:	DATE:
APPLICATION NO.:	FIRE CHIEF/OFFICIAL APPROVAL:	DATE:
DATE PERMIT ISSUED:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOND RECEIVED	DATE:

FIREWORKS TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS:

- Always read and follow the directions on the label
- Have a working garden hose or bucket of water handy
- Use fireworks outdoors in a safe, flat, non-wooded area
- Always wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks
- Keep everyone a safe distance away from fireworks
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks or sparklers
- Always have a sober adult in charge of all fireworks activities
- Light only one firework at a time
- Don't touch, throw, or combine fireworks
- Never re-light fireworks
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks

Source: American Pyrotechnics Association, www.americanpyro.com

FIREWORKS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Can I use fireworks in Pennsylvania?

A: State law prohibits the use of Consumer and Display Fireworks in Pennsylvania without a permit.

Items defined as “ground and hand-held sparkling devices”, “novelties” and “toy caps” in American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) Standard 87-1 are not currently regulated by State Law; therefore, their sale and use are permissible. These “non-fireworks” are the only types allowed to be sold from tents, stands, convenience stores, retail establishments and other various outlets not licensed by the Department of Agriculture.

(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Sections 1271 & 1275)

Q: Can I buy regular fireworks – not sparklers or novelty items -- under any conditions?

A: This answer depends on whether or not you are a Pennsylvania resident.

Pennsylvania residents: May purchase Consumer Fireworks only with a display permit issued by the municipality wherein the display will take place.

Non-residents: An amendment to the Fireworks Law, effective November 30, 2004, makes it legal, upon proof of out-of-state residency status, to purchase Consumer Fireworks from a facility licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture provided the Consumer Fireworks are transported directly out of state by the seller or purchaser.

(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Section 1275)

Q: How do I get a permit for a fireworks display?

A: The Commonwealth does not issue permits for firework displays and does not oversee the issuance of permits by the municipalities.

A permit for a fireworks display must be obtained from the municipality where the display will take place. The municipality is the only governing body with authority to issue this permit under reasonable rules and regulations adopted by them. Upon inspection of the display site by the fire chief, or other designated officer, and the posting of a bond of at least \$500 for any possible damages, the municipality may issue a permit to a person they deem competent.

If you are hiring someone to perform the display, that person or corporation must be registered with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. If you are not hiring someone, you can attempt to obtain the status of “competent operator” from the municipality where the display will take place.

Questions concerning display permits should be directed to the appropriate municipality.

Any business entity that performs, provides or supervises fireworks displays or exhibitions for profit must register annually with the Office of Attorney General. For more information, contact the Office of Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, at (717) 787-3391.

(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Sections 1273, 1274, 1275.2 & 1276.2)

Q: Who enforces the Fireworks Law?

A: Any Law Enforcement Officer having jurisdiction may make an arrest and confiscate fireworks under the Fireworks Law. To report a violation of the Fireworks Law, contact the Police Department servicing your area as you would to report any other crime.

(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Section 1278)

Q: What precautions should people take when using permitted novelty items or sparklers?

A: It's best to leave any type of fireworks to the experts. But if you decide to use permitted novelty items or sparklers:

- Always read and follow the instructions carefully.
- Use items outside in an open area.
- A responsible adult should supervise all activities.
- Only light one item at a time.
- Place used items in a bucket of water prior to properly disposing of them.

Q: What else should I know about fireworks?

A: Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s, silver salutes and other illegal fireworks are all extremely dangerous. In addition, fireworks constructed from mail order kits are illegal and dangerous to assemble or use. Never attempt to make your own fireworks or tamper with fireworks.

(For additional information on Fireworks, visit the Pennsylvania State Police website at <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/psp/4451/fireworksfaq/537214>)