

Fireworks Safety:

In Vermont all fireworks (not including Sparklers and other novelty smoke devices) are illegal except for permitted, supervised public fireworks displays. Fireworks are dangerous and unpredictable, especially in the hands of amateurs. All too often Fireworks result in serious burns, hearing loss and other injuries due to miss-use. Public fireworks displays conducted by trained professionals and supervised by local fire departments are a good alternative to personal fireworks use. These displays are the smartest and safest way to enjoy fireworks.

Sparklers less than 14 inches long with no more than 20 grams of pyrotechnic mixture and novelty sparkling items limited to snakes, party poppers, glow worms, smoke devices, string poppers, snappers, or drop pops with no more than 0.25 grains of explosive mixture, that are in compliance with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations, are legal for sale and use in Vermont. However, even sparklers and smoke devices can be harmful if not used properly; always make sure that everyone uses sparklers in a safe and responsible manner.

A permit to display fireworks must be approved by the Selectboard in the Town of Barre and only after the Police and Fire Chief's have reviewed them for compliance and safety. The use, possession, sale, and distribution of fireworks is legal only after the permit is granted.

Applications for a permit for displays of Class B or Class C fireworks are due to the Town Clerk's office at least 15 days prior to the display date. This is state law. Additionally, this allows enough time for review and notice to your neighbors. [Click here for the fireworks display permit application](#) or call the Town Clerk's office for a copy or your questions at 802-479-9391. Information, including upcoming permitted fireworks displays, can also be found by visiting the Town of Barre Website located here: https://www.barretown.org/public_notices/index.php

Those who display Class B or Class C fireworks without a permit may be fined per state statute 20 V.S.A. § 3135.

More information, to include safety tips and a checklist, can be found on the Vermont Department of Public Safety Division of Fire Safety website located here: <https://firesafety.vermont.gov/pubed/media/sparklers>