



# Shenandoah County

## Department of Fire and Rescue

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## Storage and Sale of Fireworks Application

### What is fireworks display or sale?

- A **display** of fireworks is considered the discharging of several fireworks for show or entertainment. It does not mean the display of fireworks on a table or counter for sale.
- The **sale** of fireworks is just that; the commercial sale of State Approved fireworks to a consumer.

### Is it permissible in the proposed location?

- If the location of the fireworks display or sale will be inside a town limit, first contact the town for the appropriate zoning or structure permit. (if required)
  - Strasburg: 540-465-9197
  - Toms Brook: 540-436-8000
  - Woodstock: 540-459-3621
  - Edinburg: 540-984-8521
  - Mt. Jackson: 540-477-2121
  - New Market: 540-740-3432
- If the location of the fireworks display or sale is **not** inside a town limit, contact the Shenandoah County Zoning Department at 540-459-6190 to ensure:
  1. The proposed location is acceptable to the zoning ordinance
  2. Appropriate set-backs are identified
  3. See if a special use permit is necessary

### What permits do I need?

- Upon Zoning approval, contact Building Inspections at 540-459-6185 for a permit **IF** you plan to use:
  1. A tent of more than 900 sq. feet
  2. A temporary structure is going to be erected.
  3. Electrical power is going to be provided at the structure.
- For fireworks **displays**, (not sales displays), proof of a \$100,000 bond is required prior to the issuance of any permit.
- Next, contact the Fire Prevention Officer at 540-459-6177 for a permit:
  1. To sell fireworks in any commercial building (\$30.00)
  2. For a fireworks display (\$30.00)
    - a. must get a display permit 15 days prior to the show
    - b. must bring proof of insurance before a permit will be issued
  3. To store fireworks outdoor in a Type 4 or 5 magazine
  4. For a tent (if over 900 sq feet)

### **What do I need to do after I get a permit?**

- Someone from the Fire Marshal's Office will be conducting an inspection to ensure that the following has been done:
  1. If a Type 4 or 5 outdoor magazine is used for the temporary storage of fireworks:
    - a. The magazine is under the responsibility of a person at least 21 years of age and kept locked at all times except when loading and unloading.
    - b. The magazine is the minimum distance for the amount of explosive weight, from inhabited buildings, public highways, and traffic, railways, and from other magazines.
    - c. The magazine is a minimum of 25 feet from any lot line.
    - d. The magazine meets the construction requirements of sections F-3004.4.4 or F-3004.4.5 of the State Fire Prevention Code for Type 4 or 5 explosives magazine.
    - e. No smoking, matches or open flames is permitted within 50 feet of the magazine.
    - f. The area around the magazine is clear of brush, debris, trash and similar combustibles.
    - g. That only explosive materials are stored in the magazine.
    - h. The appropriate "Explosives" placard is displayed on all four sides of the structure.
- For fireworks displays, an inspector will be coming by to ensure that:
  1. Fireworks displays are handled by an approved competent operator, and the fireworks arranged, located, discharged and fired in a manner that will not be a hazard to property or endanger any person.
  2. Unused fireworks and trash remaining after the display are disposed in an approved, safe manner.
- For the sale of fireworks, an inspector will be coming by (several times, and during different hours) to ensure that:
  - a. Only State Approved fireworks are being sold.

The Fire Marshal's Office will seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner, all fireworks offered or exposed for display or sale, stored or held in violation of the Fire Prevention Code.

If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Marshal Office at 540-459-6177.

**Let us ALL strive to have a safe, fun and injury free fireworks season this year.**



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The following is a summary of the recommended administrative practices to consider pertaining to the sale of fireworks in Shenandoah County.

- To purchase fireworks in Shenandoah County, you should be at least 18 years of age or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Signs should be posted stating "Sale of fireworks to minors is prohibited unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian 18 years of age or older."
- Approved fire extinguishers and "NO SMOKING" signs are required.
- There should be a competent person, at least 18 years of age or older, in charge of and working in each business that sells or stores fireworks.
- All fireworks shall be taped on top to prevent easy ignition.
- Any firework, which explodes, rises into the air, travels laterally, or fires projectile (s) into the air a distance greater than 12 feet, other than sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels, are considered illegal fireworks and are subject to confiscation.



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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Storage: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach diagram showing specific location of magazine at location)*

Location of Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum amount of explosives on site at any time: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of time for which permit is requested: From: \_\_\_\_\_ Until: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit fee of \$30.00 must be paid before the permit is issued. Checks shall be made payable to the Shenandoah County Treasurer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I meet the minimum requirements under the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code for the storage and sale of fireworks. I also understand that noncompliance can result in being charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_