

# Fireworks

Santa Fe County Ordinance 2018-08, which adopts the 2015 International Fire code, states the following:

## Section 10. Fireworks

A. For purposes of this Section, in those instances where terms are used which are defined in the Fire Code and in NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-2 and 7, the definitions in the statute shall govern rather than the definitions set forth in the Fire Code.

### B. Permissible Fireworks

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess for sale, sell or offer for sale at retail, or use, within the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico, any fireworks other than the permissible fireworks set forth in NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-7 (as amended from time to time).

2. No fireworks shall be discharged within one hundred (100) feet of any fireworks retail sales location.

3. No person shall ignite or discharge any fireworks within or throw the same from a motor vehicle while within a motor vehicle, nor shall any person place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at a motor vehicle, or at or near any person or group of people.

## Permissible fireworks

- ground and hand-held sparkling devices;
- cone fountains;
- crackling devices;
- cylindrical fountains;
- flitter sparklers;
- ground spinners;
- illuminating torches; and
- wheels;
- aerial devices:
- aerial shell kit-reloadable tubes;
- aerial spinners;
- helicopters;
- mines;
- missile-type rockets;
- multiple tube devices;
- roman candles;
- shells; and
- stick-type rockets, except as provided in the not permissible fireworks section below
- ground audible devices: chasers and firecrackers, except as provided in the not permissible fireworks section below

## Not permissible fireworks

- stick-type rockets having a tube less than five-eighths inch outside diameter and less than three and one-half inches in length; and
- fireworks intended for sale to the public that produce an audible effect, other than a whistle, by a charge of more than one hundred thirty milligrams of explosive composition per report.

Current fire conditions such as low vegetation moisture content, increasing weather temperatures, and high winds have raised the risk of range fires, brush fires, grass fires, forest fires and structure fires throughout Santa Fe County. Please, use caution. Purchase fireworks from a reputable licensed retailer.

The Santa Fe County Fire Department recommends the public to attend a public fireworks display show whenever possible. If using fireworks, please follow these safety recommendations:

### **Safety Recommendations:**

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

### **And let's not forget the safety of our pets!**

- Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display, even a small one.
- If fireworks are being used near your home, put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.
- Never shoot fireworks of any kind (consumer fireworks, sparklers, fountains, etc.) near pets.