

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Use of “Consumer Fireworks” is prohibited within the Town of Gilbert except on the following specific Holiday days:

DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 1, JULY 3, JULY 4 and JULY 5

During this period the use is limited to private property with the owner’s permission and prohibits use on all public property including all public parks and public right of way. Approved for Sale to Persons 16 years of age and over in Arizona.

APPOINT ONE PERSON TO BE IN CHARGE OF YOUR DISPLAY AND POSSIBLY 2-6 ASSISTANTS. MAKE SURE ALL ARE FAMILAR WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- No items except sparklers should be held in hand.
- Do not smoke or allow open flame near fireworks.
- Choose a wide, clear site away from overhead obstacles for firing. Keep audience at least 30 meters back from lighting area.
- **Watch young children carefully.**
- Be familiar with all of your fireworks before starting your display. Plan the order of firing before you begin. Notice that there are various types and locations of wicks-e.g., for items topped with blue paper; the blue paper is the wick. Always light wick or fuse at its tip.
- Use a good firing base: e.g., pails, boxes or wheelbarrows filled with earth or sand.
- For fireworks without a standing base, bury halfway in the ground-unless the labeling on the item indicates otherwise. Set fireworks at a 10-degree angle, pointing away from audience.
- Wheels: Nail securely to a post of a fence allowing spinning clearance.
- Do not leave fireworks unattended or close to lighting area. Always keep unlit fireworks pointing away from people.
- If an item does not light easily or if it lights but seems to fizzle, stand back and do not handle for 30 minutes.
- Keep a large pail of water handy and be sure to hose down all fireworks and debris before disposal.
- High winds will affect the quality of your display and may create a hazard. Do not fire in excessively windy conditions.
- Storage: store fireworks in a cool, dry, ventilated place, away from children.

*Federally deregulated Novelty items are allowed anytime

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FIREWORK SAFETY TEST

1. What is the first thing to do before lighting a firework?
2. How do you know if you are buying quality legal fireworks?
3. Where should you light watch fireworks?
4. It's always good to have _____ handy when having a fireworks display.
5. How many fireworks should you light at a time?
6. If a firework does not work after lighting it, how long should you wait before trying to light it again?
7. Should small children handle and light fireworks?
8. What should you do if a firework fails to work after lighting it?
9. Where should you store fireworks?
10. How should you dispose of a discharged firework?
11. How should you carry fireworks?
12. What part of your body should be over a firework while lighting it?
13. What safety equipment should you wear when lighting a firework?
14. Are illegal explosives like M-80's and Cherry Bombs really dangerous or just more fun?
15. Is it safe to throw or point a firework at another person?
16. How do you find out what fireworks are legal to buy and shoot in your city?
17. Should kids and teenagers be allowed to handle and shoot fireworks without a responsible adult close by?
18. How many fireworks should you carry to the lighting area?
19. What device should you use to light a firework?
20. Is it OK to drink alcohol and light fireworks?

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FIREWORK SAFETY TEST: ANSWERS

1. Read the warning or caution label carefully and follow all directions.
2. Always buy from a reliable seller.
3. Always light outdoors away from combustible material, buildings and plants.
4. Water.
5. Light only one firework at a time.
6. Never try to re-light a firework.
7. No.
8. Wait for 15 to 20 minutes and then dump the firework in a bucket of water and let it soak.
9. If at all possible, don't store fireworks. If you have to store them, store them in a cool dry place and keep them out of the reach of children.
10. Soak them in a bucket of water before disposing of them in a trashcan.
11. Carry fireworks in their original bag or box.
12. No part of your body should be over the firework while lighting it.
13. Eye protection should be worn when lighting fireworks.
14. Illegal explosives are really dangerous and should never be used.
15. It is never safe to point or throw fireworks at other people or animals.
16. Ask a reliable seller or your local police or fire department.
17. Close adult supervision is always needed.
18. One. All other fireworks should be kept at a safe distance so they don't accidentally become lighted.
19. Except for sparklers, a punk should be used to light fireworks. A match or lighter is required for sparklers.
20. No. Have a designated lighter.