

Message from the Township of Edgewater Park & the EP Police Department: FIREWORKS DOs & DON'Ts



On behalf of Edgewater Park children, Veterans, senior citizens, dogs and other pets, anyone suffering from PTSD, and citizens in general, the information below explains that it is ILLEGAL in New Jersey to sell or even possess firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, bottle rockets, Roman candles and similar fireworks containing

explosives. They **are illegal to sell or possess**.

The only exceptions are sparklers (for people 16 and older) and novelty items such as snappers and poppers.

NJ law:

- https://www.nj.gov/labor/safetyandhealth/resources-support/laws-regulations/fireworksact_sale.shtml#3-1

Things to realize about the effect of fireworks include frightening pets, awaking small children, triggering PTSD events in Veterans and others who suffer from PTSD. More importantly, the illegal use of fireworks at family celebrations and holidays has become more than a nuisance in the Edgewater Park community.



Fireworks embers can start fires on roofs, gutters, leaves, dry pine needles, landscaping, vehicles, etc., especially during drought season.



This is a detailed breakdown from the NJ website:

- **Illegal Fireworks:**

Firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, bottle rockets, Roman candles, and similar explosive devices are prohibited.

- **Legal Fireworks:**

Sparklers (for those 16 and older), snakes, glow worms, smoke devices, and trick noisemakers (like party poppers) are permitted.



- **Permits:**

Commercial companies can obtain permits for public fireworks displays, but they must meet strict safety requirements and get approval from local authorities.



- **Consequences of Violations:**

Using illegal fireworks can result in a fourth-degree crime, potentially leading to 18 months of prison time and a \$10,000 fine according to [NJ's Legal Fireworks brochure](#). Simply possessing illegal fireworks can result in a fine of up to \$500.

- **Safety:**

When using permitted fireworks, always follow the manufacturer's instructions, have adult supervision, and maintain a safe distance from people, buildings, and flammable materials.

- **No Fireworks Sales:**

New Jersey prohibits the sale of most fireworks within the state.



Here is a comprehensive chart of legal items allowed in New Jersey, and showing the ILLEGAL items at the bottom:

GROUND BASED SPARKLING DEVICES & NOVELTIES ARE NOW LEGAL IN NEW JERSEY

DE-REGULATED NOVELTIES

SPARKLERS



Sparkling Devices:
MORNING GLORIES

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH HOT WOOD. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WOOD IN WATER.

Sparkling Devices:
WIRE STICK SPARKLER

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT TOUCH GLOWING WIRE. HOLD IN HAND WITH ARM EXTENDED AWAY FROM BODY. KEEP BURNING END OR SPARKS AWAY FROM WEARING APPAREL OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIAL. HOLD AND LIGHT ONE DEVICE AT A TIME. AFTER USE PLACE WIRE IN WATER.

SMOKE DEVICES

-Emits Cloud of Smoke-



Smoke Balls

Cylindrical

Smoke Cone

Smoke Candle

Smoke Balls, Toy Smoke Devices

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. PLACE ON HARD LEVEL SURFACE. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

NOVELTIES



Snakes

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. LAY ON GROUND. LIGHT PELLET.

Snapshots / Drop Pops

CAUTION:
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. DO NOT PUT IN MOUTH. THROW ON GROUND OR AGAINST HARD SURFACE. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE.

PARTY POPPER
EMITS SHOWERS OF CONFETTI

PARTY POPPER - BOTTLE TYPE

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR OTHER PERSON. HOLD IN HAND - JERK STRING.

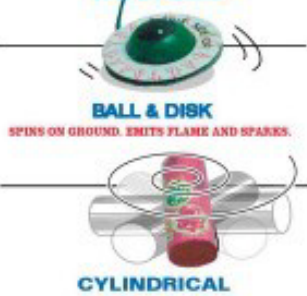
PARTY POPPER - PISTOL TYPE

CAUTION: FLAMMABLE
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. DO NOT POINT EITHER END TOWARD FACE OR OTHER PERSON. HOLD IN HAND - PULL TRIGGER SHARPLY.

MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN 0.25 GRAMS OF PYROTECHNIO MIXTURE.

PERMITTED "NON-AERIAL" SPARKLING DEVICES

GROUND SPARKLING DEVICES



BALL & DISK

SPINS ON GROUND. EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS.

CYLINDRICAL

Ground (Shake Flowers) / Crazy Groundflips
SPINS ON GROUND. EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS.

CAUTION
SPINS ON GROUND
EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS
USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. PLACE ON HARD, FLAT SURFACE. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

SPARKLING Wheel DEVICES



CAUTION
SPINS ON POST
EMITS FLAME AND SPARKS

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. NAIL TO POST OR STAKE SO THAT WHEEL WILL TURN FREELY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

GROUND BASED SPARKLERS

UP TO 500 GRAMS



Cylindrical

Square

Cone

California Rocket Shaped Fountain

CAUTION
Emits Showers of Sparks

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. PLACE UPRIGHT ON GROUND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND.

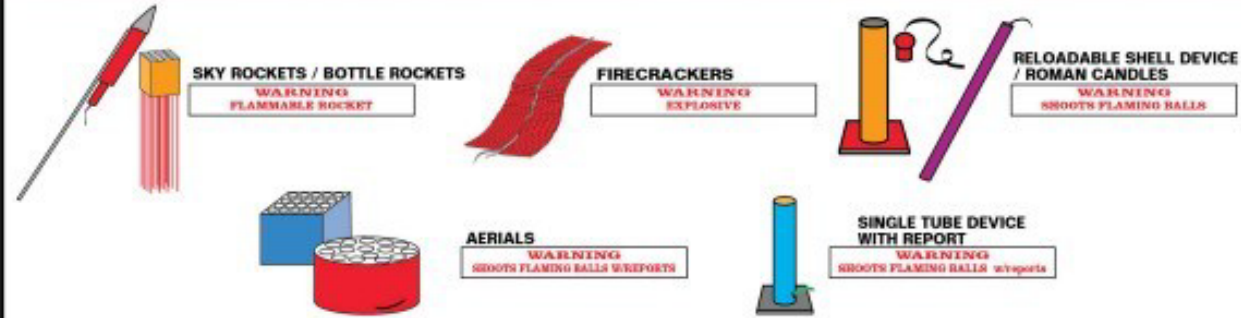
CAUTION
Emits Showers of Sparks

USE ONLY UNDER CLOSE ADULT SUPERVISION. FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. STICK FIRMLY IN GROUND IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION. REMOVE CAP FOR LIGHTING. DO NOT HOLD IN HAND. LIGHT FUSE AND GET AWAY.

MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN 500g OF PYROTECHNIO MIXTURE.

PROHIBITED "AERIAL" CONSUMER FIREWORKS - NEW JERSEY

except as part of a Permitted Public Fireworks Display.



SKY ROCKETS / BOTTLE ROCKETS

WARNING:
FLAMMABLE ROCKET

FIRECRACKERS

WARNING:
EXPLOSIVE

RELOADABLE SHELL DEVICE / ROMAN CANDLES

WARNING:
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS

AERIALS

WARNING:
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS W/REPORTS

SINGLE TUBE DEVICE WITH REPORT

WARNING:
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS w/ reports