



# Fireworks Fact Sheet -- City of Westminster, Colorado

## Illegal Fireworks

Fireworks that explode, emit a loud bang, leave the ground due to an explosive charge, or fly through the air self-propelled are always illegal for handling, possession, sale, storage, and/or use within the City of Westminster, and the State of Colorado, unless used in conjunction with an approved public firework display, authorized by a Fire Department permit.

**Illegal fireworks** in Westminster, Colorado include:

- Bottle rockets
- Cherry bombs
- Explosive devices
- Firecrackers
- Helicopters
- M-100 or M-80 devices
- Missile boxes
- Mortars
- Rockets and Shells
- Roman candles
- Any device that projects or discharges metal, glass, or brittle plastic fragments

Fireworks that emit a loud bang, the type many Westminster residents register complaints about, are classified as illegal fireworks and are always prohibited within the City of Westminster.

**Handling, possession, sale or use of illegal fireworks is a violation of Westminster Municipal Code 6-8-2 and is subject to issuance of a City of Westminster Municipal Court Summons.**

## Permissible Fireworks

Specific to the possession and use of “**permissible fireworks**” in the City of Westminster:

From midnight (12:00 AM) July 3<sup>rd</sup> until noon (12:00 PM) on July 5<sup>th</sup> the Westminster Municipal Code 11-10-6(A) allows State of Colorado defined “**permissible fireworks**.”

The intent of this ordinance is to allow Westminster families to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and not subject neighbors to undue noise disruption.

**Permissible fireworks** are “non-explosive” pyrotechnics that are not intended to leave the ground or create a loud noise and include:

- Cigarette loads
- Cylindrical or cone fountains
- Explosive auto alarms
- Glow worms
- Ground spinners and wheels
- Illuminating torches & colored fire
- Party poppers
- Snakes
- Sparklers & other dipped sticks
- Toy propellant
- Toy smoke devices
- Trick matches & noise makers

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En la ciudad de Westminster **SE PROHIBEN** los fuegos artificiales que explotan, vuelan o causan un estallido.

Se permitirán los fuegos artificiales no explosivos como las bengalas (“sparklers”) y las fuentes (“fountains”) solamente entre las horas del 12:00 a.m. del 3 de julio hasta las 12:00 p.m. del 5 de julio.

Si manipula, posee, vende, almacena o utiliza fuegos artificiales ilegales en la ciudad de Westminster, podría ser multado por el Departamento de Policía.

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*For additional information call the Westminster Fire Department at 303-658-4500*

