



Use of Fireworks in Lake Havasu City Frequently Asked Questions Lake Havasu City Code Chapter 8.26

1. **What can be sold?** Novelty items and permissible consumer fireworks, including ground & hand-held sparkling devices 16 inches or less, cone fountains, wheels, flitter sparklers, wire sparker/dipped sparklers, cylindrical fountains, illuminating torches, ground spinners, toy smoke devices, and multiple tube devices.
2. **What cannot be sold?** Sparklers greater than 16 inches are not allowed. Devices that are designed to explode or fly into the air and produce a report/salute are prohibited, including, but not limited to, missile-type rockets, bottle rockets, torpedoes, jumping jacks, helicopters, skyrockets, roman candles, firecrackers, M80s, or cherry bombs.
3. **When do I need a permit?** Any person who offers consumer fireworks for sale in Lake Havasu City requires a permit from the Lake Havasu City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division.
4. **Where can fireworks be sold?** In mercantile occupancy buildings. This includes department stores, drugstores, shopping centers, supermarkets, etc. Temporary facilities are also allowed, such as firework stands, tents, and canopies. A Temporary Use Permit from the Community Investment Department, Planning Division, is also required.
5. **How do I obtain a permit?** Permits are issued through the Fire Department office located at City Hall, 2330 McCulloch Blvd. N. You must complete the application and pay the required permit fee. Temporary structure outdoor sale permits are \$265; no fees are required for an indoor sale permit.
6. **Where can I use fireworks I purchase?** Lake Havasu City prohibits the use, discharge, or ignition of permissible consumer fireworks within the City limits, except on June 24 – July 6 and December 24 – January 3.
7. **Who can purchase fireworks?** Lake Havasu City Code prohibits any person from selling or furnishing any person less than 16 years of age permissible consumer fireworks.
8. **What happens if I am caught using fireworks within City limits?** A police officer may issue a criminal complaint or a fire official may issue a violation notice. The penalties include fines and up to 30 days in jail. A person, when found responsible, can be held liable for the expense of any emergency response that is required by illegal use of fireworks. This includes providing police, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical service.

The Lake Havasu City Fire Department encourages everyone using fireworks to celebrate safely and be responsible, especially around children.

Any questions regarding the use, sales, or possession of fireworks can be directed to the Lake Havasu City Fire Marshal's office at (928) 855-1141.