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Fireworks Information for the City of Winchester

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With the Fourth of July holiday rapidly approaching, the Winchester Police and Fire Marshal would like to make the public aware that the sale or possession of illegal fireworks and misuse of fireworks will not be tolerated.

The following types of fireworks will be permissible: Sparkler, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels commonly known as whirligigs, or spinning jennies.

The following types of fireworks are illegal: Any fireworks that explode, rises into the air, travel laterally, or fire projectiles into the air. For example: cherry bombs, bottle rockets, M-80's, and Roman candles.

The Winchester Police Department will strictly enforce illegal fireworks violations. Any person who violates the laws pertaining to the sale, possession and use of fireworks commits a Class 1 misdemeanor and may face a fine up to \$2500 and up to 12 months in jail. Any fireworks that are seized will be slated for destruction, they will not be returned.

Any individual planning a firework display should make sure that they are dealing with a registered and licensed trader. All fireworks are dangerous, especially to children. If you plan to use legal fireworks, please handle the fireworks safely and follow the law.

To report illegal fireworks, residents may call the Winchester Police Department at 540-662-4131. If you have any questions in regarding fireworks please contact the Fire Marshal at 540-545-4712

The Winchester Police Department wishes everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

The Winchester Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life for all people by preventing crime in the city. We will accomplish this by enforcing the law with impartiality, creating partnerships through communication, education, and problem solving using innovative policing strategies.