



Fire Marshal Association of Utah

Fire Prevention Guidance Bulletin for Short-Term Storage of Small Quantities of Consumer Fireworks, Due to the 2026 Declaration of Emergency Restricting Fireworks

Purpose

This guidance provides recommendations for the temporary storage of small quantities of consumer fireworks purchased for personal use. Because of the recent emergency declaration restricting fireworks, it is understood that consumer fireworks have already been purchased, and it is now illegal to shoot them off in some areas. This guidance is based on the Utah Fireworks Act, Utah Administrative Code R710-2, and the fire protection principles contained in NFPA 1124, Code for Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles.

Utah Requirements

Utah regulates consumer fireworks under Utah Code Title 53, Chapter 7, Part 2 (Utah Fireworks Act). Administrative requirements are established in Utah Administrative Code R710-2. Consumer fireworks should not be accumulated in residences for long-term storage. Purchase only the quantity reasonably necessary for immediate lawful use and follow all state and local restrictions.

Recommended Storage Practices (NFPA 1124 Guidance)

- Keep fireworks in their original, unopened packaging.
- Store in a cool, dry location protected from moisture and excessive heat.
- Keep away from furnaces, water heaters, open flames, pilot lights, and other ignition sources.
- Separate fireworks from gasoline, propane cylinders, paints, solvents, and other flammable or combustible materials.
- Prevent access by children and unauthorized persons.
- Do not alter, dismantle, or combine fireworks.
- Inspect packages for damage before use.

Locations to Avoid

- Inside living areas.
- Attached garages.
- Near exits or stairways.



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- Under beds or inside closets.
 - Near pilot lights or electrical equipment.
 - Inside vehicles during hot weather.
 - Near combustible vegetation.

Disposal

Never burn unwanted fireworks. Follow the manufacturer's disposal instructions or contact the local fire department or the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office for guidance.

References and Authorities

- Utah Code Title 53, Chapter 7, Part 2 – Utah Fireworks Act.
- Utah Administrative Code R710-2 – Rules Pursuant to the Utah Fireworks Act.
- NFPA 1124, Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (current adopted edition).
- Utah State Fire Marshal – Consumer Fireworks Safety Guidance.

Disclaimer

This document is intended as general safety guidance only. It summarizes applicable provisions of Utah law and nationally recognized fire safety practices and is not intended to replace or supersede federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, adopted fire codes, or manufacturer instructions. Where conflicts exist, applicable statutes, administrative rules, and adopted fire codes shall govern. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) retains the sole authority to interpret and enforce applicable fire and life safety codes within its jurisdiction. This document does not constitute legal advice.