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# Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office Reminds Residents of Fireworks Law Changes and Safety Precautions Ahead of Summer Celebrations

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — During the 2026 legislative session, the Oklahoma Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1948, known as the "Rocket's Red Glare Act." The new law modifies provisions related to the sale and use of consumer fireworks throughout Oklahoma.

Under SB 1948, any Oklahoma State Fire Marshal licensed manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers may sell consumer fireworks at wholesale or retail year-round.

The law also clarifies that bottle rockets are considered legal consumer fireworks under Oklahoma law unless otherwise prohibited by local municipal ordinance.

It is important to note that the provisions of SB 1948 apply only to consumer fireworks and do not apply to commercial display fireworks or professional fireworks exhibitions, which remain subject to separate permitting, licensing, and safety requirements.

The legislation limits the authority of counties to prohibit private outdoor consumer fireworks displays conducted for noncommercial purposes when the following conditions are met:

- The display is conducted on private property;
- No county burn ban is in effect; and
- No Red Flag Fire Warning conditions exist.

For purposes of the law, Red Flag Fire Warning conditions include:

- Sustained winds greater than 20 miles per hour;
- Relative humidity below 25 percent; and
- Ten-hour dead fuel moisture is below 9 percent.



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Individuals planning to discharge consumer fireworks under these circumstances are required to notify the local responding fire department prior to igniting fireworks.

The law does not affect the authority of incorporated cities and towns to adopt and enforce local ordinances governing the possession, use, and sale of fireworks. Residents are encouraged to check with their local municipality before purchasing or using fireworks, as local restrictions may be more stringent than state law.

Additionally, existing provisions of Oklahoma law remain in effect regarding the sale and discharge of consumer fireworks. Pursuant to Oklahoma law:

- It is unlawful to sell fireworks to children under twelve (12) years of age unless accompanied by an adult.
- It is unlawful to sell fireworks to any intoxicated or irresponsible person.
- Fireworks may not be ignited or discharged within five hundred (500) feet of any church, hospital, asylum, public school, location where fireworks are stored or sold, or any unharvested flammable agricultural crop.
- Fireworks may not be ignited or discharged from a motor vehicle.
- No person may throw or place ignited fireworks into or at a motor vehicle.
- No person may throw or discharge fireworks at or near groups of people.

While SB 1948 expands opportunities for the sale and use of consumer fireworks, fireworks continue to present significant safety risks. Each year, fireworks are responsible for thousands of injuries, fatalities, and millions of dollars in property damage nationwide.

The Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office encourages all residents to celebrate responsibly and follow safety recommendations provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Only attend professional fireworks displays whenever possible rather than using consumer fireworks at home.
- Purchase only legal, properly labeled fireworks from licensed sellers.
- Keep a bucket of water or garden hose readily available in case of fire or malfunction.
- Wear protective eyewear when handling or lighting fireworks.
- Never attempt to relight a malfunctioning or "dud" firework. Wait at least 20 minutes, then soak it thoroughly with water before disposal.
- Dispose of all used fireworks by placing them in a bucket of water and allowing them to soak completely before discarding them in the trash.
- Keep children at a safe distance and never allow unsupervised use of fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Do not use fireworks near dry grass, brush, structures, vehicles, or other combustible materials.
- Do not consume alcohol or impairing substances while handling or lighting fireworks.



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State Fire Marshal Keith Bryant reminds all Oklahomans to understand the new law, respect local ordinances, and make safety their top priority. Fireworks can be enjoyed safely when used responsibly and in accordance with state and local laws. A safe celebration protects families, neighbors, first responders, and property.

For additional information regarding fireworks laws and fire safety, contact the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office or your local municipality.