

# Fireworks Fact Sheet – City of Westminster, CO

## 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:

- Toy cannons
- Toy cones
- Toy Pistols
- Blank cartridges
- Firecrackers
- Torpedoes
- Skyrockets
- Roman candles
- Tube devices
- Or any tablets or device containing any explosive substances

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

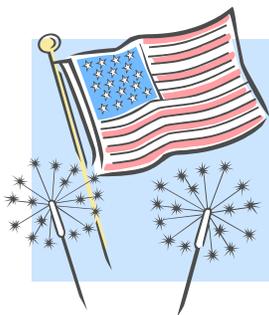
Specific to the possession and use of “**permissible fireworks**” in the City of Westminster:

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 11-10-7 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:

- Fountains
- Ground Spinners
- Illuminating torches
- Dipped sticks & Sparklers
- Trick noise makers



## More Info

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

To report illegal use or possession of fireworks, call the non-emergency police/fire line, 303-658-4360.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND VIDEO IN ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES. IF YOU HAVE VIDEO, CONTACT 303-658-4360**

If there is a fire or injury related to fireworks, call 911.

For chronic violators, you can leave an anonymous tip at (303) 706-3812. Officers will contact the home/violator but cannot issue a summons.

## Español

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.