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City of Neenah

Fireworks

Laws & Guidelines



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Fireworks

in Neenah, Wisconsin

By Wisconsin State Law and Neenah City Ordinance, selling, possessing, and using fireworks is against the law.

The following information will give you a better understanding of the definitions, laws, and penalties regarding fireworks in the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's definition of "Fireworks": "Anything manufactured, processed, or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use."

What are NOT "Fireworks": Sparklers, poppers or streamers, snaps, cap gun caps, fountains designed to sit on the ground and emit sparks & smoke, smoke bombs WITHOUT external flame, snakes, and model rocket engines.

Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 and Neenah City Ordinance Sec. 11-86 state: "No person may possess or use fireworks without a user's permit from the mayor of the city, president of the village, or a chairperson of the town in which the possession or use is to occur, or from an official or employee of that municipality designated by the mayor, president, or chairperson."

Summarized simply so far, if it explodes or leaves the ground on its own power, it's illegal, unless you have a permit from the city or town you are lighting them in.

It is against the law just to have them!

Is it worth it? If you are caught with fireworks, whether you are lighting them or not, you can face a penalty up to \$1000.00.

Also, if you are the parent or legal guardian of a minor and consent to the minor's use of fireworks, you too will be penalized up to \$1000.00.

If any damage or bodily harm is created due to fireworks you have set off, you are liable for all damages.

Again, if you are a consenting parent or legal guardian, you will be responsible for all damages caused by the fireworks set off by your minor child.

Be safe and use common sense. Keep all flammable materials away from heat and open flame. Keep all flammable materials out of reach of small children. Always have adult supervision whenever flammable materials are used.