



The Rochester Police Department requests that when illegal fireworks are heard or seen to call 911. The dangers of using illegal fireworks are many. Unlicensed, untrained users of fireworks run the risk of bodily injury to themselves or others, hearing loss, and ground or structure fires, just to name a few.

Fireworks being set off in neighborhoods effect the quality of life for all residents. It is annoying and alarming to hear loud booms that often sound like gunshots. We ask that you respect your neighbors.

When calling 911, it is important to be specific on where the illegal fireworks are originating. An actual address is needed for us to take any enforcement.

Without a specific location, the police department cannot properly address the annoyance or dangerous condition created by illegal fireworks.

Enforcement for the possession and use of illegal fireworks range from the issuance of a Municipal Code Violation ticket for noise violations, to criminal charges.

- **Municipal Code 75-4. Excessive noise prohibited.**
Audible beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. (2) Audible at a distance of 50 feet beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (3) Audible at a distance of 50 feet from the source if emanating from a public street, public park or other public place.
- NYS Penal law charge 270.002.(2) b (i) Possession or use of fireworks.

Please note that not all fireworks are illegal. In Monroe County you can legally buy fireworks at several local retail locations (Target, Walmart, etc). These fireworks are smaller in nature and have strict guidelines below.

New York State Law allows for the sale and use of a specific category of consumer fireworks known as Sparkling Devices.

Sparkling Devices are ground based or handheld devices that produce a shower of colored sparks and or a colored flame, audible crackling or whistling noise and smoke. The law limits the type, size and construction of Sparkling Devices and requires that these devices must be hand held or mounted on a base or spike and be limited in sizes that range from 1 to 500 grams of pyrotechnic composition.

Sale and use of Sparkling Devices is legal in counties and cities that have NOT enacted a local law pursuant to section 405.00 of the Penal Law of NY.

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control has been notified that the following counties have prohibited the sale and use of Sparkling Devices: Bronx, Columbia, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Richmond, Schenectady, Suffolk, and Westchester.