



PYROTECHNICS OUTDOOR DISPLAY

These guidelines are to be followed when a business, group, or other entity within the City of Rockwall, requests the use and display of pyrotechnics, commonly referred to as “fireworks.”

All pyrotechnic storage, use, and/or display criteria for the purposes of these guidelines and any other guidelines or requirements of the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division shall conform to the 2015 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by the City of Rockwall, Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office, ATF, and NFPA.

These guidelines do not replace, nor supersede any codes and/or ordinances adopted by the City of Rockwall, or determinations and positions of the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division.

Defined by International Fire Code. Fireworks shall mean any composition or device for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect for entertainment purposes by combustion, deflagration, and detonation, and/or activated by ignition with a match or other heat-producing device that meets the definition of 1.4G fireworks or 1.3G fireworks as set forth herein.

General Requirements

1) It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association to sell, possess, manufacture, storage, handle, and use any fireworks within the City limits of the City of Rockwall.

Exceptions:

1. The use of fireworks for approved display as permitted by the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division.
 2. The possession of fireworks otherwise allowed by State Law.
- 2) The possession, manufacture, storage, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited outside the city limits for a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet, provided that the territory encompassed within the five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. A violation of this ordinance is declared to be a common and public nuisance.
- 3) The owner, lessee or occupant of the property or structure where fireworks are being stored or used shall be deemed responsible for violation this section.
- 4) Before the performance of any production, the operator shall submit a plan for the use of pyrotechnics to the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division.
- 5) The addition of pyrotechnics to a performance or any change in the presentation of pyrotechnics, excluding the reduction in the number or size of the devices, shall require approval by the Rockwall Fire Department.
- 6) For displays, compliance is required with the following:
- a) 2015 IFC
 - b) Texas Occupational Code Chapter 2154, Regulation of Fireworks & Fireworks Displays & 28 TAC 34.800 for licensing
 - c) Current Editions of NFPA 1123, 1124, 1126, and/or 160
 - d) ATF Federal Explosive Law and Regulations and DOT regulations
- 7) All assistants shall be at least 18 years old.
- 8) All plans shall be submitted as soon as is possible so that the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division has time to be present and to notify other interested parties.



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- 9) Based upon the location and size of the pyrotechnic display, a Fire Watch may be required throughout the duration of the display. This shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Rockwall Fire Marshal Division.

Submittal Requirements

- 10) Each submittal shall have a
- Proof of Insurance including general liability, auto liability, worker's comp, and additional insured listed as the City of Rockwall, and all limits indicated.
 - A copy of your Texas State Fire Marshal's Office Pyrotechnics license.
 - A copy of your ATF fireworks license.
 - A copy of Texas State Driver's License with H/X Endorsement of individual who will be transporting Aerial Fireworks.
- 11) Provide a show detail list indicating the following:
- Quantity of each type of pyrotechnics device (i.e. mortar, flash-bank, aerial, etc.)
 - Total amount of 1.4G and/or 1.3G fireworks
 - The name, address, email address, and phone number of the individual, group, or organization sponsoring the outdoor fireworks display
 - The name, address, email address, and phone number of the supplier of the fireworks, if different from that of the operator
 - The date and time of day at which the outdoor fireworks display is to be held, with a proposed rain/wind date and time in the event the display is postponed
 - The exact location planned for the outdoor fireworks display
 - Location and type of storage magazine and location and type of fireworks kept on site.
 - Number of assistants who are to be present
 - Means of site security
 - The manner and place of storage of such fireworks prior to delivery to the outdoor fireworks display site.
- 12) Provide a site diagram of the grounds on which the outdoor fireworks display is to be held showing the following:
- Point at which the fireworks are to be discharged
 - Location of all buildings, highways, and other public rights of ways
 - Location of other possible overhead obstructions
 - Identify significant ground features
 - Parking areas
 - Spectator viewing areas
 - Location of fireworks storage areas
 - Fallout area, including dimensions
 - North arrow
 - Likely wind direction
 - Location of significant roadways, including access and control points
 - Traffic plans indicating the flow of vehicles into and out of the site before and after the display
 - Location of emergency vehicle staging area and access routes
- 13) Please upload the following documents when submitting your permit online:
- Site diagram
 - Show detail list
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Texas State Fire Marshal License(s)



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5. Texas State Driver's License with H/X Endorsement for person transporting fireworks
6. ATF Fireworks License