



General Guide to Consumer Fireworks Use

Carrabassett Valley has no ordinances restricting or prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks. Maine Public Law Chapter 416 provides the following applicable guidelines for using these products.

1. Consumer fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10 p.m., except that on the following dates they may be used between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. the following days:

July 4th and December 31st. (The weekends immediately before and after July 4th and December 31st.)

2. A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500, plus court costs, may be adjudges for any one offense.

3. <u>A person under 21 years of age may not purchase, use, or possess</u> consumer fireworks

The following products are prohibited for use in Maine:

A. Missile-type rockets, as defined by the State Fire Marshal by rule.

B. Helicopters and aerial spinners, as defined by the State Fire Marshal rule.

C. Sky rockets and bottle rockets. For purposes of this paragraph, "sky rockets and bottle rockets" means cylindrical tubes containing not more than 20 grams of chemical composition, as defined by the State Fire rule, with a wooden stick attached for guidance and stability that rise into the air upon

ignition and that may produce a burst of color or sound at or near the height of flight.

Additional Notes:

- Personal fireworks are prohibited within the Sugarloaf Resort and Condominium Developments.
- Any personal fireworks display that result in a fire in wooded areas or a structure fires, will be liable for suppression cost and property damage. *Caution should be exercised when conditions are very dry*.
- Fireworks debris that falls on other people's property will not be tolerated.

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