



CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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CAL FIRE Seized Fireworks Reporting and Disposal (Update: New Online Seizure Form)

Health and Safety Code mandates the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) responsibility for the destruction of dangerous and illegal fireworks once they are seized by local fire departments or law enforcement agencies.

The following procedures shall be followed for reporting the seizure of dangerous and illegal fireworks:

1. Submit a fireworks seizure form using the new link: [Seizure Form](#).
2. Fireworks shall be held in trust until the agency is notified that disposal is available. An OSFM representative will contact you to schedule a date/time to collect the fireworks.
3. Only seized commercial fireworks with the Department of Transportation (DOT) classification of 1.4 and 1.3 will be accepted.
4. Separate "Safe and Sane" fireworks, friction-initiated fireworks (Snap Caps, Party Poppers, etc.), and 1.3 public display aerial shells and dangerous/illegal fireworks.
5. Do not re-package fireworks into another box. Leave fireworks in the original DOT shipping boxes.
6. Loose fireworks shall be placed in quality cardboard boxes such as banker boxes, photocopy paper boxes, or similar size moving boxes with functional lids. (Note: Fireworks will not be accepted if they are loose, in bags, or in boxes that are falling apart.)

The boxes shall be labeled with the fireworks seizure confirmation email PDF that contains the following information:

1. Type of fireworks
2. Agency name
3. Name of person responsible for the sorting
4. Date of collection



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It is recommended that fireworks are stored in storage buildings, trailers, semitrailers, metal shipping containers or magazines. Storage areas should be maintained in a neat and orderly manner in accordance with local policies and procedures. Fireworks should not be stored in occupied buildings, workspaces, utility rooms, or near incompatible materials. The following items are not the responsibility of the OSFM and WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

1. Explosive devices or ammunition (Call your local bomb squad immediately).
2. Homemade fireworks, chemicals, loose pyrotechnic powders, black powder, and smokeless powders.
3. Fuzees, flares, electric matches, and blasting caps.
4. Non-fireworks related evidence or contraband (weapons, drugs, paraphernalia, etc.)
5. Damaged or wet fireworks.
6. Lighters, matches, trash including expended fireworks.

For more information regarding the CAL FIRE - OSFM Fireworks Seizure Form, please visit our webpage at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov> or email us at: arsonbomb@fire.ca.gov.

Health & Safety Code Section 12723 requires the authority seizing any fireworks under the provisions of this chapter to notify the State Fire Marshal not more than three days following the date of seizure. Provide the following information along with a copy of the citations and pictures of seized fireworks.

To access the Seizure Form please click the link or scan the QR Code [Seizure Form](#).

