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The latest news from the State Capitol



New Fireworks Law in Effect for Independence

Day... Pennsylvanians celebrating Independence Day will have more options for purchasing fireworks, thanks to a new law passed last fall. Under the new law, consumers can now purchase and use "Class C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents. "Display fireworks," which are classified as including salutes that contain more than 2 grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality

where the display will take place. Several restrictions are in place regarding where fireworks can be ignited or discharged, including having express permission of the property owner. Fireworks cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building, toward a motor vehicle or building or within 150 feet of an occupied structure. **Also, it is recommended to check on any applicable local ordinances.** Anyone 18 years or older can purchase fireworks. They are legal to be sold at any licensed facility, including temporary ones. These temporary structures can sell fireworks between the dates of June 15-July 8, and Dec. 21-Jan. 2 each year. For more information on the law and fireworks, [click here](#).
