

# **Town of Raymond's Commitment to Safety**

The Town of Raymond does not currently have a ban on the use or sale of fireworks.

We value our commitment to the safety of our residents and visitors.

That is why we stress the importance of educating yourself and others about the safe and use of proper fireworks.



## **Before you use Fireworks...**

Contact the Raymond Fire Department to learn of any fire dangers and safety tips.

**1443 Roosevelt Trail  
Raymond, Maine 04071  
(207) 655-1187**



## **Additional Resources**

**Maine Fire Marshal's Office:**  
[www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm)

[www. MaineFireworksSafety.org](http://www.MaineFireworksSafety.org)

**Safe Kids Maine:**  
[www.tallpinesafety.org/safekidsmaine/](http://www.tallpinesafety.org/safekidsmaine/)

**Pine Tree Burn Foundation:**  
[www.ptbf.org](http://www.ptbf.org)

**Pryo City:**  
[www.pyrocitymaine.com](http://www.pyrocitymaine.com)



## **Raymond Fireworks Safety**



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Town of Raymond and Raymond Public Safety  
(207) 655-4742  
[www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

## Know the Law

- You must be 21 years of age or older to buy, possess or use fireworks.
- Fireworks can only be displayed between the hours of 9am to 10pm, except on Independence Day and New Years Eve, when they can be used until 12:30am the following morning.
- The Maine law allowing the sale and use of **consumer** fireworks took effect January 1, 2012, but municipalities still retain the right to ban the use or sale within their jurisdiction.
- Display or Commercial Grade Fireworks are fireworks that only trained and licensed pyrotechnicians may handle and use within a regulatory structure set forth in 8 MRSA, Chapter 9-A.

### Allowed Fireworks

Examples of allowed consumer fireworks are:

- Firecrackers
- Morning Glories
- Roman Candles
- Flaming Fountains

### Prohibited Fireworks

"Consumer fireworks" does not include the following fireworks which are illegal to sell, possess or use in the State of Maine:

- Missile-type Rockets
- Helicopters or Aerial Spinners
- Sky Rockets & Bottle Rockets

## Safety First!

### **FIREWORKS INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED!**

- Always read and follow label directions
- *Only use outdoors on a hard, flat and level surface.*
- Use fireworks in a clear, open area with spectators at least 75 feet back from launch area
- Always have a water supply handy (hose or bucket)
- *Light only one firework at a time and never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in water)*
- **Never** light a firework in your hand or near your face and always wear protective eye wear
- **Never** launch fireworks from a metal or glass container
- **Never** modify or use homemade fireworks
- *Have a designated shooter (remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix)*
- Children should never handle, play with or light fireworks and safe alternatives such as glowsticks, noise makers or fireless fireworks should be offered
- *Teach children the importance of fireworks safety and set a good example for them. Extinguish used sparklers in water.*

## Proper Storage and Disposal

- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from direct heat, flame or contaminants.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then discarding them in your trashcan.

## If an accident happens...

- Call **911**
- If clothing catches on fire, stop, drop and roll until it is out
- Remove clothing, shoes, diapers, and jewelry. These may hide burns and retain heat, increasing skin damage.
- Cool burn with water for a short time. Never use ice on a burn because it can make damage worse.
- Cover burn with clean, dry cloth or sheet
- Many fireworks contain chemicals that can cause burns and all chemical burns should be seen by a physician because damage may not be obvious.

**PLEASE OBEY ALL LAWS  
AND USE FIREWORKS  
SAFELY!**