

Required Permits

A permit is required by any person or organization having a fireworks display. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives do not require this permit, but it is needed by Viking Pyro to ensure the fireworks are being displayed with approval by the authority having jurisdiction.

Permits should be on official government letterhead (city, county, fire department, police, sheriff, etc.) and should include information such as the following:

- the organization or individual sponsoring the display
- the city, state, and county of the display
- date of the display is to take place, and a rain date if applicable
- time display is to take place
- name of company or lead pyrotechnician firing the display
- a signature of an authorized person to issue the permit

Many places will have their own permit forms for fireworks and those forms are acceptable.

Federal Permits

Municipalities

If you are a municipality, you are not required to obtain a federal permit. Municipalities include Cities, Towns, Villages, fire departments, and public schools. However, you are required to obtain a local permit (see above Required Permits) and to have proper storage if the fireworks will be stored prior to your display date. Viking Pyro will need a copy of your local permit for our records.

NOT a Municipality

Any organization that is not considered a municipality, including the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Lions Club, etc. and private individuals who intend to take possession of the fireworks and shoot your own show, is required to obtain a federal permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

A copy of the ATF permit, signed in ink, is required for Pyrotechnics files prior to possession being transferred. The permit procedure can take up to 90 days. Viking Pyro can provide the paperwork to apply for a federal permit and assist in properly completing it.

It is also necessary to obtain a local permit obtaining permission for your fireworks display from local authorities (see Required Permits above).

If Viking Pyrotechnics Inc. will be shooting your display; only a local permit is necessary because the possession of the fireworks will never be transferred (see Required Permits above).

Types of Federal Explosive Permits (we recommend Type #54):

#54 User of Fireworks (Display)

Cost \$100

Term 3 years

- Allows permittee unlimited purchases over 3 year term. Permittee can purchase from outside of their State and can cross State borders with their purchase.
- Form ATF F 5400.13/5400.16 available by downloading at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/pdfs/f540013.pdf> from the **ATF**.
- With this application form you will need to submit:
 - Your picture (unclear yet if a passport type will suffice or not),

- Your fingerprinted card (Contrary to rumors, this card IS NOT a standard fingerprint card that Police Departments usually use.)
- You will also need proper storage (if you do not have proper storage, you may contact Vikingpyro for the nearest storage bunker for your area.)

#55 User (Limited) of Display Fireworks Cost \$75 Term 1 year

- Allows permittee one single purchase over 1 year term. Permittee can purchase from outside of their State and can cross State borders with their purchase.
- Form ATF F 5400.21 available by downloading at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/pdfs/f540021.pdf> from the **ATF**
- With this application form you will need to submit:
 - Your picture (unclear yet if a passport type will suffice or not),
 - Your fingerprinted card (Contrary to rumors, this card IS NOT a standard fingerprint card that Police Departments usually use.)
 - You will also need proper storage (if you do not have proper storage, you may contact Viking Pyro for the nearest storage bunker for your area.)

Local Permits

State Specific Local Permit Requirements

Arkansas

An application for a permit must be applied for at least two (2) days in advance of the display. The cost is \$25 per show. Proof of insurance is required (government entities and public schools are exempt from this requirement). Apply for permit with the Arkansas State Police, #1 State Police Plaza Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209; phone 501-618-8624. An "Approved Shooter" is required to fire a display.

Iowa

No state permit is required. Check with local authorities. They may have their own permit form, or a permit typed on the letterhead of the authority granting permission is also acceptable.

Illinois

No state permit is required. Check with local authorities. They may have their own permit form, or a permit typed on the letterhead of the authority granting permission is also acceptable. There is a State Shooter License check their [website](#) for more information on Shooter Certification.

Indiana

Display permits are required. There is a \$69 charge for each permit. To obtain a display permit, fill out an application, draw a diagram of the area, send a resume of the shooter(s), have the fire chief in that area sign it, and send it in. The state of Indiana does not require a license to shoot fireworks. Check their [website](#) for more information.

Kansas

No state permit is required. Check with local authorities. They may have their own permit form, or a permit typed on the letterhead of the authority granting permission is also acceptable. An operator's permit is required. Check their [website](#) for more information on the operator's license.

Michigan

Local government responsibilities: The council or commission of a city or village or the township board of a township may issue a permit. County units of government are not authorized to issue such permits. Before anyone, including a

government body, can conduct a fireworks display, a permit must be obtained. All permits MUST be issued on forms provided by the Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division. Forms will only be provided upon request and only to a local unit of government. Contact information: Fire Marshal Division, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, MI 48913; phone 517-322-1924.

Form FM-51 is the application for a fireworks display permit. A separate application must be submitted for each individual proposed fireworks display.

Form-49 is the actual Permit for Fireworks Display granting permission for the pyrotechnic display. Michigan law requires that local units of government rule on the competency and qualifications of the operator prior to a permit being granted. However, the Act does not set forth any guidelines for making this evaluation, nor does it provide any specific requirements for pyrotechnic displays although they recommend following NFPA 1123 for guidance.

NOTE: A permit is valid only for one individual, specific display on a specific date. All forms are on standard 8_” x 11” paper. Wallet size & laminated documents have been appearing and are probably forged. If you encounter any of these types of forms, contact the local government authority that signed the document to determine if it is a valid permit. Check their [website](#) for more information.

Minnesota

An application for a permit for an outdoor fireworks display must be made in writing to the municipal clerk at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the date of the display and must list the name of an operator who is certified by the state fire marshal and will supervise the display.

The application for the permit must be promptly referred to the chief of the fire department, who shall make an investigation to determine whether the operator of the display is competent and is certified by the state fire marshal, and whether the display is of such a character and is to be so located, discharged, or fired that it will not be hazardous to property or endanger any person. The fire chief will report the results of this investigation to the clerk. If the fire chief reports that the operator is certified, that in the chief’s opinion the operator is competent, and that the fireworks display as planned will conform to the safety guidelines of the State Fire Marshal, the clerk shall issue a permit for the display after the applicant pays a permit fee.

If the display is to be held outside the limits of an incorporated municipality, the application must be made to the county auditor, and the auditor shall perform the duties and the county sheriff shall perform the investigation. Check their [website](#) for more information.

Missouri

Permits for display (outdoor) or proximate (indoor and/or outdoor) fireworks may be granted to municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, organizations, persons, firms or corporations. Such permits may be granted upon application and approval by the State Fire Marshal or local fire service authorities of the community where the display is proposed to be held. No permit will be granted until a licensed operator has been identified. Check their [website](#) for more information on Shooter Certification & permit qualifications.

Nebraska

A State permit is required. The permit forms are accessible at the state [website](#) .

The address for the fire marshal’s office is: Nebraska State Fire Marshal, 246 South 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1804; (402)471-2027 office; 402-471-3118 fax. NOTE: Only the new forms will be accepted, old forms will be returned!

Check with local authorities on their requirements. A “Nebraska certified pyrotechnic” is required to shoot a display.

Wisconsin

Must obtain a permit from the mayor of the city, president of the village or chairperson of the town in which the possession or use of fireworks is to occur, or from an official or employee of that municipality designated by the mayor, president or chairperson.

The permit must specify all of the following:

1. the name and address of the permit holder
2. the date on and after which the fireworks may be purchased
3. the kind and quantity of fireworks which may be purchased
4. the date of display and location of permitted use
5. other special conditions prescribed by ordinance
 - a. a copy of a permit shall be given to the municipal fire or law enforcement official at least two (2) days before the date of authorized use
 - b. a permit may not be issued to a minor

SUBPART K – STORAGE

55.210 Construction of type 4 magazines:

A type 4 magazine is a building, igloo or “Army-type structure”, tunnel, dugout, box, trailer, or a semitrailer or other mobile magazine.

OUTDOOR MAGAZINES

1. **General.** Outdoor magazines are to be fire resistant, weather-resistant, and theft-resistant. The ground around outdoor magazines must slope away for drainage or other adequate drainage be provided. When unattended, vehicular magazines must have wheels removed or otherwise be effectively immobilized by kingpin locking devices or other methods approved by the Director.
2. **Construction.** Outdoor magazines are to be constructed of masonry, metal-covered wood, fabricated metal, or a combination of these materials. Foundations are to be constructed of brick, concrete, cement block, stone, or metal or wood posts. If piers or posts are used, in lieu of a continuous foundation, the space under the building is to be enclosed with fire-resistant material. The walls and floors are to be constructed of, or covered with, a nonsparking material or lattice work. The doors must be metal or solid wood covered with metal.
3. **Hinges and Hasps.** Hinges and hasps are to be attached to doors by welding, riveting, or bolting (nuts on inside of door). Hinges and hasps must be installed so that they cannot be removed when the doors are closed and locked.
4. **Locks.** Each door is to be equipped with
 - i. two mortise locks;
 - ii. two padlocks fastened in separate hasps and staples;
 - iii. a combination of a mortise lock and a padlock;
 - iv. a mortise lock that requires two keys to open; or
 - v. a three-point lock.

Padlocks must have at least five tumblers and case-hardened shackle of at least 3/8 inch diameter. Padlocks must be protected with not less than 1/4 inch steel hoods constructed so as to prevent sawing or lever action on the locks, hasps, and staples.

These requirements do not apply to magazine doors that are adequately secured on the inside by means of a bolt, lock, or bar that cannot be actuated from the outside.

State-by-State Display Operator Licensing Requirements

Individual states are implementing specific testing/ training to be eligible to shoot fireworks. Some states require their own course/ training and others will accept approved courses that you may have already passed. If you shoot fireworks, or have shows in any of these states, make sure you and your shoot team have the appropriate training that is required.

Arkansas

Effective August 2005 the state of Arkansas requires lead shooters to hold a valid Fireworks Shooters License. The license is good for 5 years and costs \$50. To obtain a license you must show that you have attended a fireworks training class and have assisted in at least five fireworks show in the last 5 years. The license fee is waived if the shooter can show that they are a police officer or firefighter(volunteer or paid) in Arkansas. There are not currently any standards for training other than the class must be taught by a licensed shooter and include live fire. Please check with the agency's office for more information. (501)618-8624

Iowa

There is no state Shooter License at this time.

Illinois

Pursuant to the Pyrotechnic Distributor and Operator Licensing Act, any person, company, association, group of persons, or corporation who distributes display fireworks for sale in Illinois, or provides them as part of a pyrotechnic display service in Illinois, or provides only pyrotechnic services must be licensed by the OSFM. Moreover, any person that conducts pyrotechnic or flame effect displays in Illinois must be licensed by the OSFM.

Please check the agency's [website](#) in 2006 or call their office to obtain more information. (217)785-0969

Kansas

In order to shoot commercial (Class B or DOT 1.3) fireworks, you must hold a valid Display Operator's License issued by the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office. This license is valid for four years and there are renewal requirements. Please check the agency's [website](#) or call their office to obtain more information. (785)296-0154

Michigan

There is no state Shooter License at this time. Please check the agency's [website](#) for more information.

Minnesota

Fireworks display operators are required to be certified by the State of Minnesota, effective January 1, 1996. All fireworks displays must have a supervising operator conducting the display. The operator may have assistants; however, they must be at least 18 years of age. Operators must be at least 21 years of age. Please check the agency's [website](#) or call their office to obtain more information. (651)215-0500

Missouri

Effective August 28, 2004, Missouri State Statue (RSMO. 320.126.4) was passed requiring all fireworks displays "shall be supervised, managed, or directed by a Missouri licensed operator or pyrotechnic operator on site. Operators must be approved and licensed by the Division of Fire Safety. A special display permit can not be issued until a licensed operator is identified. Please check the agency's [website](#) or call their office to obtain more information. (573)751-2930

Nebraska

State Fire Marshal regulations requires any public display where Class B fireworks will be shot to be supervised by a licensed Public Display Operator. If Class C (consumer) fireworks, those that are bought at retail stands, are being shot it is not necessary to have a license. Please check the agency's [website](#) or call their office to obtain more information. (402)471-2027

Wisconsin

There is no state Shooter License at this time.