



CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal

Seized Fireworks Collection Instructions

- Delivery will only be accepted from a Fire or Law Enforcement Agency Representative
- Seized fireworks will NOT be accepted without an OSFM Fireworks Seizure Form ([Click here for Fireworks Seizure Form](#))
- Arrangements must be made with the storage site POC a minimum of 48 hours prior to delivery ([Click here for Collection Site Contacts and Locations](#))
- Site representatives are not responsible for the unloading, weighing, or loading of seized fireworks
- ONLY Consumer Fireworks will be accepted.
- For a list of banned items see attached

Packing Instructions:

1. A copy of your completed OSFM Fireworks Seizure Form must accompany ALL deliveries to the fireworks collection location
2. Do not package banded items (lighters, matches, etc.) with fireworks.
3. Separate opened snappers/Snap Caps from fireworks items AND Package separately. Leave unopened snappers/snap caps in original package.
4. Fireworks seized in original manufacturer's performance packaging should NOT be opened and left in the original packaging
5. Pack loose items in sturdy cardboard boxes; NO plastic or paper bags
6. Fold but do not tape box tops closed
7. Transport heavy boxes on bottom and light boxes on top
8. Heavily damaged boxes, broken fireworks, or items leaking powder will NOT be accepted
9. Items not clearly identifiable as Fireworks will NOT be accepted and should be turned over to the nearest Bomb Squad

Contact the **CAL FIRE** Arson & Bomb Unit for additional information, instructions or assistance.

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CAL FIRE – OSFM Seized Fireworks Banned Items

The following items will **NOT** be accepted by collection sites:

- Military ordnance
- Explosives as defined by HSC 12000
- Blasting caps
- Explosive precursor chemicals
- Loose pyrotechnic powder
- Black powder
- Smokeless powder
- Wet fireworks / slurries
- Destructive devices
- Improvised Explosive Devices
- Homemade fireworks (Destructive device)
- Emergency signaling devices
- Agricultural and Wildlife devices
- Road flares
- Fuzees
- Electric matches
- Hobby fuse
- Butane Lighters
- Matches