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 Fireworks Program fwx@fire.ca.gov a minimum of 48 hours prior to delivery to either the Northern California or Southern California collection sites.

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. Separate opened snappers/Snap Caps from fireworks items AND Package separately. Leave unopened snappers/snap caps in original package.

3. Fireworks seized in original manufacturer’s performance packaging should NOT be opened. Leave in the original packaging.

4. Pack loose items in sturdy cardboard boxes; NO plastic or paper bags.

5. Fold but do not tape box tops closed.

6. Transport heavy boxes on bottom and light boxes on top.

7. Items not clearly identifiable as DOT 1.4 Fireworks will NOT be accepted and should be turned over to the nearest Bomb Squad.

8. Place Cal FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal Fireworks Seizure Labeling on all four sides and top of each box.

Contact the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Engineering & Investigations Division for additional information, instructions or assistance at fwx@fire.ca.gov.
CAL FIRE – OSFM Seized Fireworks
Banned Items

The following items will **NOT** be accepted at the collections 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
- Do not package banded items (lighters, matches, etc.) with fireworks.
- Heavily damaged boxes, broken fireworks, or items leaking powder
- Any fireworks with DOT labeling 1.3