



City of Twin Falls  
203 Main Avenue East  
P.O. Box 1907  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303

Print Form

# Fireworks, Explosives, and Storage Permit Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- Blasting Agents (\$25)     Blasting Explosives (\$25)     Bulk Storage of Explosives (\$100)
- Temporary Fireworks Storage (\$100)     Fireworks for Public Display Permit (\$125)
- Safe and Sane Fireworks Stand Application (\$25)     Inspection of Temporary Fireworks Stand (\$25)

Purpose of business or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s), Contact(s), or blasting technician(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Blasting and Explosives:**

Location of blasting operations: \_\_\_\_\_

Location where explosives will be stored: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of explosives: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of explosives on location - lbs: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fireworks:**

Principal place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Location for sale (safe & sane): \_\_\_\_\_

Location for temporary storage (safe & sane): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of fireworks stored - lbs (safe & sane): \_\_\_\_\_ State sales tax permit # (safe & sane): \_\_\_\_\_

Location for display (dangerous): \_\_\_\_\_

Age of applicant (must be 21 or older): \_\_\_\_\_  Plot Plan is attached     Planning & Zoning approval is secured

Liability insurance carrier and policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a certified copy (\$500,000 per person per occurrence bodily injury; \$500,000 per occurrence aggregate bodily injury; \$500,000 per occurrence aggregate property damage)*

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Questions call 208-735-7236 [Click here for the City Code \(Title 6 then Chapters 2 and 9\)](#)

Return completed form to: **City of Twin Falls Fire Department, 345 Second Ave. East, Twin Falls, ID 83301**

# Requirements

*This information is provided for informational purposes only. The official ordinance will prevail in any discrepancy with this information.*

1. Each application for a permit to sell safe and sane fireworks at retail shall be filed with the Twin Falls fire department, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to a date on which the retail sale of safe and sane fireworks is authorized under this chapter.
2. If applicant is storing safe and sane or dangerous fireworks, applicant must apply to the planning and zoning administrator, and the planning and zoning administrator must forward written approval and the special use permit (if required) to the fire department, and building department, indicating that the permit request is in compliance with all zoning requirements for an H-1 occupancy pursuant to title 10 of this code. The written approval and special use permit (if required) must be submitted to the fire department and building department prior to approval of the fireworks permit.
3. If applicant is storing safe and sane or dangerous fireworks, applicant must submit two (2) complete plot plans, indicating where the building is located in relationship to property lines and any other buildings, and two (2) complete floor plans of the building, indicating all proposed uses, to the Twin Falls fire department. The drawings shall be to scale.
4. Miscellaneous Permit Conditions for The Storage of Safe and Sane And Dangerous Fireworks:
  - (A) Minimum occupancy separation shall be required pursuant to the international building code.
  - (B) Exits shall comply with the international building code.
  - (C) Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the building as required by the international fire code.
  - (D) Automatic fire extinguisher systems shall be in accordance with the international building code.
  - (E) License or permit holders shall maintain records of all transactions involving safe and sane fireworks regarding the sale and acquisition of such fireworks.
  - (F) Conspicuous signs shall be placed and posted at intervals not less than fifty feet (50') inside and outside of the building with the language: Warning - No Smoking
  - (G) All provisions as currently adopted by the city pursuant to the international building code and international fire code shall be required.
5. Each applicant for a safe and sane fireworks permit shall have filed with the clerk, prior to the issuance and validity of any permit, a policy, or certified copy thereof, of public liability insurance, including both accident and occurrence coverage. The insurance coverage limits for public liability coverage shall be at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per person per occurrence bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence aggregate bodily injury and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence aggregate property insurance. Each policy of insurance shall be in form and substance acceptable to the city and shall name as insured parties under the terms of the policy of the city, all officials, elected and appointed, of the city in performance of official functions regarding all operations under or pertaining to the permit, any licensee or licensor of the applicant, and all vendors of the fireworks covered by the permit to be issued to the applicant. The policy of insurance shall be so written that it cannot be canceled without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the city from the underwriting insurance company. Cancellation of a policy is a basis for revocation of the permit. A copy of the policy shall be filed with the city clerk prior to the issuance of the permit.
6. Permitted Safe and Sane Fireworks include any of the following "non-aerial" common fireworks:
  - (A) Any fireworks such as ground spinners, fountains, sparklers, smoke devices or snakes designed to remain on or near the ground and not to travel outside a fifteen foot (15') diameter circle or emit sparks or other burning material which land outside a twenty foot (20') diameter circle or above a height of twenty feet (20'). Non-aerial common fireworks do not include firecrackers, jumping jacks, or similar products;
  - (B) Cylindrical fountains with inside tube diameter not exceeding three-fourths inch (3/4");
  - (C) Sparklers and "dipped sticks" not more than ten inches (10") in length or one-fourth inch (1/4") in diameter with pyrotechnic composition not exceeding four grams (4 g) each. Sparklers or "dipped sticks" described in this section shall be burned individually and shall not be conjoined, banded, attached or affixed to additional sparklers or "dipped sticks" while ignited;
  - (D) Snakes which do not contain bichloride of mercury;
  - (E) Whistles, without report and which do not dart or travel about the ground during discharge containing no picric or gallic acid.
7. Dangerous Fireworks not included under a Safe and Sane permit includes any of the following:
  - (A) Skyrockets and bottle rockets, including all similar devices employing any combustible or explosive material which rise in the air during discharge;
  - (B) Roman candles and similar devices, including cakes, repeaters and multiple tube devices loaded in such a way as to propel pyrotechnic effects into the air;
  - (C) Aerial display shells containing pyrotechnic effects or salutes producing displays or reports in the sky generally fired or propelled from a cylindrical or spherical shell casing;
  - (D) Snakes or other effects which are ignited or burn containing bichloride of mercury;
  - (E) Sparklers more than ten inches (10") in length or one-fourth inch (1/4") in diameter;
  - (F) Sky lanterns, fire balloons or balloons of any type which have burning material of any kind attached thereto or which require fire underneath to propel them.
8. The term "fireworks" shall not include any automotive safety flares, toy guns, toy cannons, caps or other items designed for use with toy guns or toy cannons, party poppers, or other devices which contain twenty five hundredths (0.25) of a grain or less of explosive substance; model rockets and model rocket engines and their components which are designed, sold and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models; flares, noisemakers or signals designed and used for the purpose of protecting the public.

9. A short-term storage facility may be used for the storage of safe and sane, "nonaerial common fireworks" for a period of sixty (60) days prior to, and fifteen (15) days after, any authorized retail sales date. The Twin Falls fire department shall be notified of the address or location of all short-term storage facilities when fireworks will not be stored in a temporary firework stand. If the short-term storage facility is not within the boundaries of the jurisdiction having issued the retail sales permit the permittee shall notify the authority having jurisdiction where the storage is to take place.

Short term storage is allowed in any of the following, provided it is locked or otherwise secured: a temporary firework stand, truck, trailer, or other vehicle. A truck, trailer or other vehicle used for short term storage must remain at least twenty-five feet (25') from the stand during any time the stand is open for business but may approach the stand when it is closed. A truck, trailer or vehicle used for short term storage must be at least twenty-five feet (25') from any other inhabited building. Short term storage may occur in a locked or secured shed, garage, barn or other building or storage container which is detached from an inhabited building and contains no open flames, including heating and lighting sources.

10. Temporary fireworks stands from which safe and sane fireworks are to be sold shall be subject to the following provisions:
- (A) All retail sales of safe and sane fireworks shall be permitted only from within a temporary firework stand, and the sale from any other building or structure is hereby prohibited.
  - (B) The stand in which the fireworks will be stored or sold shall not be located within twenty five feet (25') of any other building or within one hundred feet (100') of any gasoline station or flammable liquid dispensing device or installation.
  - (C) All such stands shall meet the requirements of the building code of the city and all lighting circuits and other electrical equipment shall meet the requirements of the electrical code of the city.
  - (D) The stand shall have exit doors at least thirty inches (30") wide at both ends of the structures and one additional door for each twenty-five feet (25') of rear wall in excess of twenty-five feet (25'). All doors shall open outward from the stand and all doorways shall be kept free and clear from all supplies and materials at all times.
  - (E) Each stand shall be provided with a minimum of two (2) fire extinguishers with a 2A minimum rating, in good working order and easily accessible for use in case of fire, which shall be kept in immediate proximity to the location where the fireworks are retailed.
  - (F) There shall be at least one supervisor, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, on duty at all times. All fireworks shall be effectively kept away from any kind of self-service by the public and shall be placed in a location which is unavailable and inaccessible to members of the public in capacities other than as legal customers.
  - (G) No person employed as a watchman shall be permitted to remain inside of any stand when it is not open for business.
  - (H) "No Smoking" signs shall be prominently displayed both inside and outside the stand. No smoking shall be permitted within the stand or within twenty-five feet (25') of the stand.
  - (I) No temporary stand shall be erected before June 10 of any year. The premises on which the stand is erected shall be cleared of all structures and debris not later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on July 27.
  - (J) No fireworks shall be discharged in or within twenty-five feet (25') of any fireworks stand.
  - (K) No person shall allow any rubbish to accumulate in or around any fireworks stand or permit a fire nuisance to exist.
  - (L) Fireworks shall not be left in the stand when it is not open for business unless the stand is locked or secured. If fireworks are not stored in the stand, they shall be stored in compliance with section 39-2608, Idaho Code.
  - (M) No stand shall have a floor area in excess of seven hundred fifty (750) square feet.
11. Each permittee shall be required to retain at the licensed premises while said premises are open, and at his principal place of business for a year thereafter copies of all invoices, receipts and orders evidencing the source from which he acquired the fireworks which he handled.
12. Safe and sane, "nonaerial common fireworks" may be sold at retail beginning at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight June 23, and ending at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight July 5 and beginning at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight December 26 and ending at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight January 1. The authority having jurisdiction may at its discretion extend each period of sales by not more than five (5) days. Safe and sane, "nonaerial common fireworks" shall only be used or discharged within the city of Twin Falls between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight June 23 through July 5 and December 26 through January 1.

Exception: In addition to the hours of use specified in this chapter, safe and sane, "nonaerial common fireworks" may be used or discharged within the city of Twin Falls between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. on January 1.

13. It shall be the duty of every person issued a firework permit to comply with all the provisions of the Idaho state fireworks act of 1997. The conviction of violation of the aforesaid Idaho state fireworks act or any of the City's provisions by the permittee, or by any of its agents, employees or officers shall constitute a cause, in and of itself, to deny any subsequent application for a permit.
14. The chief of police, or his agents, or employees, may confiscate any fireworks that are imported, exported, sold, offered for sale, given away, possessed, stored, displayed, or discharged in a manner violating any provision of this chapter.
15. The possession or discharge of dangerous fireworks without a dangerous fireworks permit shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
The use or discharge of safe and sane fireworks outside the designated dates of sale and hours of use specified within this chapter shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
All other violations of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and imprisonment for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months, or both.