



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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**DATE:** January 25, 2011  
**TO:** Fireworks Wholesalers  
**FROM:** Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal  
**SUBJECT:** Wholesale Fireworks

The Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal determines the acceptability of consumer fireworks offered for sale in Fairfax County and the towns of Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna through an annual evaluation and review process. Consumer fireworks (Division 1.4G) must meet the *American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (ASFL)* acceptable criteria listed in the ASFL standards for Fountains, Party Poppers, Smoke and Filter Devices, Snakes, and Sparklers. Only those fireworks tested and approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal may be classified as Permissible Fireworks and may be sold in Fairfax County.

The Office of the Fire Marshal is preparing for the 2011 Fourth of July holiday season. Fireworks Wholesalers are required to submit a list of those fireworks items they plan to sell in Fairfax County to the Office of the Fire Marshal no later than February 25, 2011. Fireworks submitted must have been tested and approved by the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) after January 1, 2007, and have an assigned AFSL Item Number. Items listed without an AFSL Item Number will not be approved. To view the 2010 Approved Permissible Fireworks list please go to:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmpublications/fmfireworks/2010appfwlist.pdf>

Fireworks submissions should be sent to the Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal at 10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030, and must contain the wholesaler name, contact person, email address, telephone number, AFSL name, and AFSL item number. Electronic submissions are acceptable and should be sent to Lisa Reddington at [lisa.reddington@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lisa.reddington@fairfaxcounty.gov). **Submissions are due no later than February 25, 2011.**

On March 1, 2011, a list of fireworks the Fire Marshal would like to evaluate will be sent to each wholesaler via email. It is anticipated the list will include only those fireworks never tested by the Office of the Fire Marshal and/or those tested prior to January 1, 2007.

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Wholesalers shall provide five samples of each firework; these samples shall be delivered to the Office of the Fire Marshal no later than March 18, 2011. Fireworks that cannot be provided for evaluation will be removed from the submission list and not considered for approval. It is anticipated that the evaluation will take place the last week of March 2011 and wholesalers are invited to attend. Once a date and location is confirmed, wholesalers will be contacted.

To view other fireworks related guidelines and information please go to:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmfireworks.htm>

The Office of the Fire Marshal looks forward to a safe 2011 fireworks season. If you have questions or concerns, please send them to me at [donald.brasfield@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:donald.brasfield@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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