

Florida's Fireworks Law

The use of prohibited fireworks is unlawful in Florida and is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000. This offense may be charged as a first-degree misdemeanor offense.

Fireworks are allowed to be sold, but only if customers sign a waiver agreeing that said fireworks cannot be used except under limited exceptions.

Florida allows fireworks that are handheld, or ground based and do not explode, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association. Permitted fireworks cannot contain more than 100 grams of the chemical compound that produces sparks upon burning. Florida does not allow firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, daygo bombs, and any fireworks containing explosive or flammable compounds.

Florida allows the sale and use of **non-aerial** and **non-explosive fireworks** like novelties, fountains and sparklers.

The problem is that thousands of people claim each year that the fireworks are being used for an agricultural purpose, like scaring off birds, and not violating the law. But don't think signing a waiver to purchase fireworks gets you off the hook – it will not clear you of responsibility should you be caught illegally using fireworks.

Breaking the law and lying on the form is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Bahia Lakes HOA will follow-up on any nuisance complaints received, involving the use of illegal fireworks.