



**Fireworks Display Permit Processing
Applicant Instructions
2026**

The following information is required to secure a permit for fireworks display in Genoa Charter Township:

1. Completed BFS-416 Application for Fireworks Display Permit 2026.
 - a) The application should have no blanks, if it is not applicable, then it shall state N/A, so that there is no confusion.
 - b) The Name of Pyrotechnic Operator, shall be the actual operators name
 - c) The Name of the Applicant shall be the sponsoring organization/person's name; and, the name of the Pyrotechnic Company
 - d) The Name of person representing a corporation k LLC, DBA or other, shall be the name of the person representing the listed applicants.
 - e) Name and Address of Bonding Corporation or Insurance Company.
 - f) Manner and place of storage and proof of proper licensing or permitting by state or federal government.
 - g) Kind of fireworks to be displayed, may say see attached if the attachment is a final/approved listing of types of fireworks and not a proposal. Does not need to be descriptive text, but rather the number of each type of firework.
 - h) Rain Delay date
2. Certificate of Insurance naming the Township as additional insured
3. Current ATF Letter of Clearance for Explosives License or Permit.
4. Contingency letter addressing the disposal of any/all fireworks at the show site that do not get used.
5. Map of the location site for fireworks display.

Instructions for Application for Fireworks Other Than Consumer or Low Impact

Applications shall be submitted to the legislative body of a city, village or township board. A permit may be issued as a result of official action by the legislative body. A permit shall be valid only for use within the limits of the jurisdiction of the legislative body of a city, village or township board.

1. Type of Permit – check all boxes that may apply to the type of permit needed. You may select several permit types depending on your fireworks display. You may check with your legislative body of a city, village or township board for assistance when making your selection. Please review the following definitions to determine which type of permit to select:
 - Agricultural or Wildlife Fireworks – devices distributed to farmers, ranchers, and growers through a wildlife management program administered by the US Department of Interior or Michigan DNR.
 - Articles Pyrotechnic – 1.4G fireworks for professional use only that is classified as UN0431 or UN0432.
 - Display Fireworks – 1.3G fireworks for professional use only
 - Special Effects Manufactured for Outdoor Pest Control or Agricultural Purposes – devices with a combination of chemical elements or compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical or thermal effect for pest or animal control.
 - Public Display – a fireworks display that is open to all persons for viewing.
 - Private Display – a fireworks display that is not open to the general public for viewing.
2. Name of applicant – list the name of the applicant. The applicant may be a person representing an organization, group, firm or corporation, or self. If the applicant is also the operator, enter the same name in the operator's section.
3. Address of applicant – complete the address of the applicant; include the street address, city, state and zip code.
4. Name of person or resident agent representing corporation, LLC, DBA or other – list the name of the person or resident agent that represents the corporation, LLC, DBA or other.
5. Address of person or resident agent that represents the corporation, LLC, DBA or other – list the address of the person or resident agent representing the corporation, LLC, DBA or other.
6. Non-resident applicant – list the name of the non-resident applicant. A non-resident applicant shall appoint a Michigan attorney or Michigan resident agent in writing to be the applicant's legal representative upon whom all service of process in any action or proceeding may be served.
7. Name of pyrotechnic operator – list the name of the pyrotechnic operator. The pyrotechnic operator is the person in charge of the display. The legislative body of a city, village or township board shall rule on the competency and qualifications of the operator before granting a permit and may require an affidavit from the applicant as to the operator's experience, former pyrotechnic accidents, criminal record, sobriety, etc.
8. Address of pyrotechnic operator – list the address of the pyrotechnic operator; include the street address, city, state and zip code.
9. Age of the pyrotechnic operator – list the age of the pyrotechnic operator; the operator must be 18 years of age or older.
10. Name of assistant – list the name of the assistant to the pyrotechnic operator;
11. Address of assistant – list the address of the assistant; include the street address, city, state and zip code. If there is more than one assistant, please list additional assistants on a separate sheet and include the address and age of those additional assistants.
12. Age of assistant – list the age of the assistant to the pyrotechnic operator; the assistant must be 18 years or older.
13. Name of other assistant – list the name of other assistant to the pyrotechnic operator.
14. Age of other assistant – list the age of the assistant to the pyrotechnic operator; the assistant must be 18 years or older.
15. Exact location of proposed display – list the address of the exact location of the proposed fireworks display.
16. Date of proposed display – indicate the date of the proposed fireworks display; only one display date can be used per application.
17. Time of proposed display – indicate the time of the proposed fireworks display.
18. Manner and place of storage - indicate the manner and place of storage within the legislative body of a city, village or township board of fireworks that are ready for display, just prior to the display in the area of exhibition. The legislative body of a city, village or township board shall obtain approval from the local fire authorities of the manner and place of storage before any permit is issued.

19. Amount of bond or insurance - the issuing legislative body of a city, village or township board shall set the amount of and proof of bond or insurance for the protection of the public to satisfy claims for damages to property or personal injuries arising out of any act or omission on the part of the person, firm or corporation, or any agent or employee of the applicant. The applicant shall assure the bond or insurance required is provided.
20. Name of bonding corporation or insurance company – provide the name of the bonding corporation or insurance company for which the bond was issued through.
21. Address of bonding corporation or insurance company – list the address of the bonding corporation or insurance company; include the street address, city, state and zip code.
22. Number of fireworks and kind of fireworks to be displayed– indicate the total amount of fireworks proposed for the display or use and a description of the type of fireworks for display; such as 10 aerial bombs, 30 aerial rocket bursts, etc.
23. The application is valid for the calendar year in which the application was received and permit was issued.
24. Permit fees shall be established by the legislative body of a city, village or township board and shall be submitted to and retained by legislative body of a city, village or township board.
25. Permitting will be in compliance with the [Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, PA 256 of 2011, MCL 28.466, Section 16](#).
26. **Mail the application to the legislative body of a city, village or township board within the location jurisdiction of the display.** DO NOT mail the application to the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS). If mailed to the BFS, it will be returned to the sender.