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Fireworks Safety Tip Sheet

Safety and Fire Prevention

The safest way to enjoy fireworks while celebrating Canada Day is to attend a public display hosted by your municipality or other responsible organization.

If you still choose to have a family fireworks or an informal neighbourhood display here is some information from Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services to help keep your celebration a safe one.

When are fireworks legal in the Township of Puslinch?

- No one shall display, offer for sale or sell Fireworks without a Permit
- No one shall set off Fireworks on Public Lands without a Permit
- Fireworks can only be set off 4 times a year – on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and Chinese New Year, and on the day immediately preceding these four dates
- Family fireworks can only be set off on private property
- A permit is not required for personal backyard fireworks
- Fireworks may not be set off during the hours of 11:00 pm and 10:00 am the following day
- Fireworks may not be set off within fifty metres of a nursing home or group home, of a place where gasoline or other highly flammable substances are manufactured, stored or sold, and when a burning ban is in effect within the Township
- No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall set off Fireworks
- All Fireworks and debris shall be removed immediately after the conclusion of the event

Safety Guidelines for Family Backyard Fireworks:

- always purchase fireworks from a reliable source.
- appoint a responsible person to be in charge. Only adults who are aware of hazards and essential safety precautions should handle and discharge fireworks.
- inspect your fireworks during daylight hours. Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.

- check the wind, place fireworks in a bucket of sand and incline fireworks to go away from spectators. Postpone fireworks if wind is strong.
- keep fireworks in a closed box. Remove them one at a time and close the lid.
- keep everyone at least 25ft away from the fireworks firing line
- keep all pets safely indoors
- use outdoors only
- never experiment or make your own fireworks
- always have water handy, a hose or several buckets
- never take apart or modify fireworks in anyway
- light only one firework at a time
- wear eye protection and gloves while lighting fireworks
- light fireworks at arms-length, then immediately step back
- never lean over fireworks or attempt to pick up a “dud” for at least 30 minutes
- never re-light a “dud” firework, soak in water and properly dispose of it in a metal container
- never give fireworks to children
- dispose of fireworks by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your metal trashcan
- always put discarded sparklers into a bucket of water
- never throw or point fireworks at other people
- never carry fireworks in your pocket
- never hold a firework in your hand
- never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- stay away from illegal explosives, “firecrackers” are unsafe and illegal
- alcohol and fireworks do not mix, save it for after the show

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