



FIREWORKS Information & Safety Guidelines

For
Consumer (family style) Fireworks

*See **By-law 2017-20 for complete regulations** regarding the usage of fireworks and clarification of the following information:

- “CONSUMER FIREWORKS” means an outdoor, low hazard, recreational firework. *Consumer class includes those fireworks which are generally available at various retail stores.*

Fireworks regulations are in place and enforced in part to prevent wildfires and damage to personal property. Fires can be extremely dangerous and each year a number of preventable fires occur from improper use and handling.

The following are GENERAL PROHIBITIONS for the setting of fireworks:

- No person shall set off fireworks on any day or days during the year, except on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Independence Day (US), and the one day immediately preceding and/or following each of these days.
- NO setting off fireworks when there is a Fire Ban in effect or the Fire Danger Rating is HIGH or EXTREME, wherein no open air burning is permitted. Always check the current rating at <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/>
- Subject to the above, no person shall set off any fireworks except between 6pm and 11pm of the same day.
- ALL permitted firework displays MUST be under the care & control of a competent person at all times.
- ALL firework displays must be in accordance with recognized safety procedures, including, but not limited to:
 - Keeping spectators at a safe distance;
 - Protecting private and public property; and
 - Ensuring suitable fire extinguishing equipment is available at all times.

In addition, no person shall discharge, fire, set off, or cause to be set off any Firecrackers or Sky Lanterns within the Township of The Archipelago.

Note: Persons who set off fireworks AND the property owner (even if not on-site) can be charged for violations of By-law 2017-20. Persons can ALSO be held liable for ALL costs related to the investigation of a violation AND costs related to containing /suppressing a fire which is deemed to have started through negligence of this By-law.

PLEASE ENSURE BOTH YOU & YOUR GUESTS FOLLOW THE RULES!

For more information: Visit our By-law section on the website: www.thearchipelago.on.ca
Contact By-law department staff at **705.746.4243 Ext. 325** or email fire@vianet.ca



Key Messages:

During a display of Fireworks it is vital that you should always:

- ✓ Appoint a “responsible person -18 or older” to be in charge.
- ✓ Check wind direction, to ensure residue does NOT drift towards a combustibles area
- ✓ If quite windy, please consider delaying
- ✓ If locally possible, discharge Fireworks out over open water.
- ✓ Carefully read & follow the directions on the label(s)
- ✓ Keep onlookers a safe distance from ignition and falling debris sectors.
- ✓ Only set off 1 Fireworks item at a time. Multiple ignitions at the same time increase risks!
- ✓ Keep “Sparklers” away from young children. They can Burn Skin, Cause Blindness.
 - The sparkler wire STAYS HOT for many minutes, use caution always!
 - If someone gets burned, carefully pour cool water over the area. If there is any sign of burns or swelling, seek medical aid. Do NOT rub the affected area(s).
- ✓ After display is finished, with a flashlight, fully check for smouldering in all areas where the falling debris may have landed.
- ✓ Remove all waste when finished and dispose of through general waste streams.

Fact

Did you know? There are three types of fireworks listed on the Natural Resources Canada website. These are:

- **"Consumer Fireworks"** are Low-Hazard fireworks for public, recreational use .
- **"Display Fireworks"** are high-hazard fireworks, used only by licensed professionals.
- **"Pyrotechnics Special Effects"** are high-hazard fireworks for use by licenced professionals.

Fireworks can be extremely dangerous and each year, a number of preventable injuries and fires occur from improper use and handling. **Don't become a statistic – Become Safety Conscious!**

Please remember that the geography & abundance of vegetation within our Township increases our risk exposure to the reality of fires spread rapidly.

Fact

Wildfires destroy an average of 200,000 hectares of forested land each year in Ontario



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