



Consumer Fireworks Safety

Consumer Fireworks are not toys. They are in fact, powerful pyrotechnic articles and, for this reason, both their sale and purchase are regulated.

YOU MUST OBTAIN A FIREWORKS PERMIT PRIOR TO DISCHARGING ANY FIREWORKS

Fireworks permit can be obtained from the Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services at 5120- 52nd in Drayton Valley during regular business hours, for a fee as outlined in the Brazeau County schedule of Fees Bylaw.

Fireworks permit application shall include the following information:

- Name, address, and signature of applicant
- The date and time of proposed display
- A detailed description of the proposed display
- The exact location planned for the fireworks display including a diagram of the grounds on which it will be held, showing the point from where the fireworks will be discharged, the location of all highways, and the lines behind which the audience will be restrained
- Written consent from the owner of the property on which the fireworks display will occur
- The manner and place of storage of all fireworks prior to, during and after the display
- The name and address of the vendor or vendors that supplied or will supply all the fireworks used in the fireworks display

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Choose a wide, clear site away from all obstacles. Refer to the safety instructions on the fireworks label for minimum distance from spectators.
- Do not discharge fireworks in windy conditions.
- Read all instructions on the fireworks.
- Kids should never play with fireworks.
- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarterpounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.
- Never try to make your own fireworks
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water (or an ABC fire extinguisher) and a house nearby in case of accident.

- Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.
- Use a good firing base such as a pail filled with earth or sand.
- Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even as a joke.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Recommended wearing eye protection.
- Light one firework at a time (never place fireworks in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time. Allow 30 minutes before cleaning-up debris, or before approaching a firework that did not go off.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

It is the responsibility of the Fireworks Permit holder to know the rules and regulations of the municipality in which they will be discharging the fireworks.

For additional inquiries pertaining to the storage, transport and discharge of fireworks please contact our office @ (780)514-2216.