



Fireworks

- ✿ Victoria Day and Canada Day are the only two days of the year when you are allowed to discharge fireworks on your own property.
- ✿ You can discharge consumer fireworks only until 11 p.m. on these two days.
- ✿ If you want to discharge consumer fireworks on a day other than Victoria Day or Canada Day you must obtain a Special Occasions Fireworks Discharge Permit. Contact tfs_events@toronto.ca for more information.
- ✿ Consumer fireworks are not allowed in parks or on beaches.
- ✿ Consumer fireworks are not allowed to be discharged in, on or into any building, motor vehicle, road, street, parking lot or balcony.
- ✿ Do not discharge consumer fireworks where it may be a nuisance or pose a risk of fire, injury or damage to any person or property.

Know the laws about fireworks!

The fine for setting off consumer fireworks without a permit on days other than Victoria Day or Canada Day is \$1,000 and you may be fined \$600 for possessing or setting off fireworks in a park or beach.

Contact 311 to report the use of fireworks in any City park or beach, and possible misuse of fireworks.

Consumer Fireworks Safety

Fireworks have the potential to cause serious injury. Toronto Fire Services recommends that families visit a community fireworks presentation conducted by a professional fireworks display company.

If you are hosting your own backyard fireworks display, make sure you have the proper sized yard and that there are no buildings or trees nearby.

Only responsible adults should supervise and set off the fireworks. Children and those under 18 years old are not permitted to discharge fireworks.

Always read and follow the manufacturer's label directions.

Before igniting your fireworks they should be buried at least half their length into a bucket of earth or sand if portable firing bases are not available. Unless the label on the fireworks indicates otherwise, set them aimed straight up and away from people.

Light the fireworks at arm's length, stand back and keep your face turned away. If a firework fails to ignite wait at least 30 minutes before approaching it and then soak it in a bucket of water. Never try to re-light or fix fireworks that fail to ignite or that are cracked, broken, leaking powder or are missing the wick.

- ✿ Always wear eye protection and avoid having any part of your body over the fireworks.
- ✿ Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- ✿ Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ✿ Never discharge fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- ✿ Never discharge fireworks indoors.
- ✿ If someone suffers a burn, run cool water over the area and consider further treatment. Call 9-1-1 if needed.
- ✿ The ends of sparklers continue to stay hot for some time and can burn your skin, clothing or nearby combustible material. To prevent an injury douse/soak the ends of sparklers with water or allow to cool down in a safe place.

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Pet Safety

When fireworks are discharged, pets can become scared of booming, crackling or sizzling sounds along with the flashing colours and may run away from familiar people and places.

- Keep your pets secured inside your home during fireworks displays: even dogs in fenced yards find ways to escape the scary sounds. If they must be outside during the festivities, please leash them and keep their pet licence tag on.
- Update your pet's identification and microchips: double check that the information connected with your pet's licence and/or microchip is up to date.
- Give pets a safe place to hide: set up a comfortable room or crate in your house just for them.
- Use ambient sounds to try and mask the noise coming from the fireworks: a radio or TV playing comforting music works well.
- Skip the celebration and stay home with them: sometimes your presence makes all the difference.
- Keep them busy: using treat toys can help distract pets during the fireworks display.

Impacts of Fireworks on Birds

Victoria Day and Canada Day both fall during nesting season. Fireworks can have negative consequences for Toronto's birds and their hatchlings.

- Fireworks can drown out a bird's ability to communicate and cause birds to abandon nests and fledglings for their own perceived safety.
- Fireworks can start fires, especially in meadows, destroying ground bird nests and depleting food sources.
- Fireworks contain toxic heavy metals that mix with water and create hazardous drinking water for birds.
- Do not discharge fireworks near natural habitats, such as ravines or unmowed fields.

How To Properly Dispose of Used or Unused Fireworks

It is important to safely dispose of fireworks. Improper disposal of fireworks can cause fires in waste collection bins at homes, in vehicles and at waste facilities. Never place used or unused fireworks in your Blue Bin (recycling).

To dispose of used or unused fireworks, completely submerge the fireworks in water and soak them overnight. Wrap the soaked fireworks in a plastic bag to keep them from drying out and place them in the garbage bin.

Dispose of used or unused fireworks in small quantities – up to 10 items at a time. Additional quantities of fireworks should be placed in the garbage bin over separate garbage collection dates.



For information on how to obtain a permit contact your local Fire Prevention office or email tfs_events@toronto.ca

North (416) 338-9150

Wards: 6 8 15 16 17 18

East (416) 338-9250

Wards: 14 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

South (416) 338-9350

Wards: 9 10 11 12 13

West (416) 338-9450

Wards: 1 2 3 4 5 7



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