

Safety Instructions for Consumers



Use a good firing base such as a pail, or wheelbarrow filled with earth or sand.



Choose a wide, clear site away from all obstacles (30 metres x 30 metres for roman candles).



Keep water nearby: dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water.



NEVER try to light a firework or hold a lit firework in your hand, other than a sparkler.



Do not fire in windy conditions.



Never try to relight a firework that did not go off. Never try to fix a firework that is defective.

This guide should be used for general reference only. For official wording and exact specifications please obtain a copy of City of Kawartha Lakes By-Law # 2007-236

Copies of the Fireworks By-Law are available at Service Centres or online at www.kawarthalakes.ca

For more information on the Fireworks By-Law please contact:

Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service

General Inquiries

705-324-5731 ext. 545

Email

fireprevention@kawarthalakes.ca

Burn Complaints

705-324-2191

Note: you may be charged if you knowingly, repeatedly or spitefully cause a response from the Fire Department upon any person discharging consumer fireworks under this By-law

Fireworks are not permitted to be set off during an imposed burn ban.

For current burn index, please visit www.kawarthalakes.ca



FIREWORKS BY-LAW QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

City of Kawartha Lakes Council enacted a By-Law to regulate the sale and use of fireworks, the precautions to be observed by persons setting off fire works and the permit process and permit fees.



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General Provisions

- Permit required for retail sales of Consumer Fireworks.
\$112.00 fee
- Permit required for public display of Consumer Fireworks.
\$50.00 fee
- Permit required for the display of Display Fireworks and Pyrotechnics.
\$50.00 fee
- Only Fireworks authorized by the Explosives Regulatory Division, Natural Resources Canada are permitted to be sold or used.
- Sales of Fireworks is prohibited to anyone under the age of 18 years.
- The use of Consumer Fireworks is prohibited during any imposed Burn Ban.
- No person shall discharge Pyrotechnic Special Effects without first obtaining a permit issued by the Fire Chief or designate.
- Contact the Licensing Officer, City of Kawartha Lakes for Retail Sales permit application information 705-324-9411 Ext 1343.

Using Consumer Fireworks

Every person using Consumer Fireworks must take the following precautions:

- i. Use the fireworks only in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- ii. No person shall set off Consumer Fireworks closer than 30 metres to any structure or property line.
- iii. Use the fireworks in a manner that will not cause a risk to persons or property.
- iv. Do not use the fireworks indoors, on a public street or in a public park.
- v. Do not use the fireworks within 100 m of a church, school, residential care facility or place where explosives are sold or stored.
- vi. Do not hold the fireworks in a hand during use unless the manufacturer's instructions indicate that they are designed to be handheld.
- vii. No person shall permit anyone under the age of 18 to set off any Consumer Fireworks other than a sparkler while under the supervision of a responsible adult.

Retail sale of Consumer Fireworks

These conditions apply to every retail outlet:

- i. The sale of Consumer Fireworks from an outdoor stand, tent, unenclosed trailer or motor vehicle is prohibited.
- ii. Fireworks are displayed in individual lots that do not exceed 25 kilograms.
- iii. Fireworks are displayed in sealed packages, glass case capable of being locked or other suitable receptacle.
- iv. Fireworks are displayed or stored away from inflammable goods.
- v. Fireworks are displayed or stored where they are not exposed to the rays of the sun or excess heat.
- vi. The display or storage area must be clearly marked "Fireworks".
- vii. No smoking signs must be posted.

An exemption of the fees shall apply to a non-profit organization, as defined in By-law 2007-236, operating a display fireworks or consumer fireworks at a community event.