

Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department
Guidelines for the use of Consumer Fireworks on Properties other than Residential

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5.2.2.2. – the handling and discharge of fireworks and pyrotechnics shall conform with the NRCan, “Display Fireworks Manual” and NRCan, “Pyrotechnics Special Effects Manual”.

Display Fireworks Manual

Appendix 5 : Safety Instructions for Firing Consumer Fireworks

- ✓ If you are under 18, don't use fireworks without adult supervision
- ✓ Choose a wide, clear site away from overhead obstacles (for example, 30m x 30m for firing Roman candles), with spectators standing at the perimeter.
- ✓ Do not fire in windy conditions
- ✓ Read all instructions on the fireworks. Plan the order of firing before you begin
- ✓ Use a good firing base, such as pail, boxes filled with earth or sand
- ✓ Bury fireworks half their length if they have no standing base, unless the labelling on the fireworks directs otherwise. Set them at a 10-degree angle, pointing away the people
- ✓ Never light fireworks in your hand or hold lighted fireworks in your hand, other than a sparkler
- ✓ Light carefully. Always light the fuse at its tip
- ✓ Keep water nearby. Dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water or return to vendor
- ✓ Never try to relight fireworks that did not go off. Never try to fix fireworks that are defective. Wait at least 30 minutes before approaching such fireworks
- ✓ Keep fireworks in a cool, dry, ventilated place and in a locked container, away from children

Properties other than those zoned as residential used for firing consumer fireworks shall be classified as Public Amusement Areas

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Public Amusement Area – means an area where the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access, either expressly or by implication, whether or not a fee is charged for entry, and includes entertainment displays or structures used on temporary, seasonal or permanent basis.

2.14.1.3. – Smoking, open flames, temporary wiring, heat producing equipment and similar ignition sources shall not be permitted where they constitute a fire hazard to the public except in specifically ***approved*** areas.

2.14.1.5.(1) – the operator of the outdoor public amusement area shall develop and implement written fire safety procedures that include

Approved Areas

A written request shall be submitted to the Fire Department for approval of the use of consumer fire works on properties other than residential or Public Amusement Areas. The written request shall include:

- ✓ Written consent of the property owner, lessee or agent and any neighbouring land that debris might fall
- ✓ Site plan showing firing area, building locations and significant ground, vegetation features including distance measurements
- ✓ Event description
- ✓ Proof of liability insurance – minimum \$5,000,000.00
- ✓ List of fireworks to be used
- ✓ The owner shall submit a Fire Safety Procedures for the event which shall include

Fire Safety Procedures

- ✓ a means for alerting the persons in the public amusement area of a fire emergency and notifying the fire department
- ✓ evacuation of endangered persons
- ✓ appointment and instruction of supervisory staff to carry out fire safety duties
- ✓ fire prevention and control of fire hazards

If the use of fireworks is determined by the Fire Department to constitute a fire hazard, their use may be restricted, or the following procedures will be required:

The fireworks display shall be produced by a person qualified as a Level 1 Fireworks Supervisor