

# Keep Safety in Mind if Using Fireworks

To minimize the risk of fire and burn injuries, The Township of Uxbridge Fire Department cautions residents about hosting family fireworks or informal neighbourhood displays. The discharge of fireworks is not permitted on any Township of Uxbridge property, including in parks, on roads or over stormwater ponds without a permit. Fireworks may only be discharged on private property without a permit on Canada Day, Victoria Day or the day immediately prior to those holidays.

If you choose to have family fireworks or an informal neighbourhood display on private property, here are some important safety tips to be followed:

- Appoint a responsible person to be in charge. Only adults who are aware of the hazards and essential safety precautions should handle and discharge fireworks.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.
- Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.
- Light only one firework at a time and only when they are on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks. For dud fireworks, it is best to wait 30 minutes and soak them in a bucket of water. Dispose of them in a metal container.
- Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard.
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn extremely hot and can ignite clothing, cause blindness and result in severe burns. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention if necessary.

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