

City of St. John's

On June 21, 2021, City of St. John's City Council passed an amendment to the Fireworks By-Law which is now in effect. The By-Law restricts the dates and times that fireworks can be discharged. Please read all details below.

No person shall discharge family fireworks within the boundaries of the City except:

- (a) between the hours of 7:30 pm at night on July 1 (Canada Day) and 12:30 am in the morning of the following day;
- (b) between the hours of 7:30 pm at night on December 31 (New Year's Eve) and 12:30 am in the morning of the following day; and
- (c) any other day and time as designated by Council.

The City may, for weather-related or any other reason, declare that family fireworks shall not proceed on July 1 (Canada Day) or December 31 (New Year's Eve), and may announce an alternate day and time when the discharge of family fireworks is permitted.

Notice of the alternate day and time, as referenced in section 6(2) of the Fireworks By Law, shall be given by posting on the City's website.

Notwithstanding section 6(1) of the Fireworks By Law, a person may discharge family fireworks outside July 1 (Canada Day) and December 31 (New Year's Eve) if Special Event

approval is first obtained.

No person shall discharge family fireworks in, into, or on:

- (a) any building, structure, doorway, or vehicle;
- (b) any highway, street, lane, square, road, or other public place; and
- (c) any land that they do not own unless the owner thereof has given written permission.

No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall discharge family fireworks.

Every person who discharges family fireworks shall have access to a fire extinguisher and bucket of water ready for immediate use at the site where the family fireworks are discharged.

Every person who discharges family fireworks shall do so in accordance with the instructions printed on each item or package.

Any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-Law shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty as provided for in Section 403 of the City of St. John's Act.

In the event of any person failing to do anything which under this By-Law they ought to have done, the City may do that act and recover the expenses thereof from the person so in default as a civil debt.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.stjohns.ca/city-hall/about-city-hall/laws-and-regulations>

City of Mount Pearl

No person shall discharge fireworks except;

- a) Between dusk on December 31 and 00:30 am on January 1, more commonly known as New Year's Eve; and
- b) Between dusk and 11:00 pm on Canada Day.
- c) Maximum fine for violation of the regulation is \$100.**

Town of Conception Bay South

No person shall detonate fireworks or explosive devices, not used in construction, within the Town unless authorized by the Chief and subject to the approval of law enforcement or other regulatory agencies, with the exception of statutory holidays as declared for New Year's Eve and Canada Day.

Authorization by the Chief may be granted by a member of the Fire Department from the Kelligrews Fire Department, Monday to Friday between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, subject to terms and conditions as may be determined by the Council.

No fireworks may be discharged within 30 metres of a dwelling, structure, wood, brush, or other flammable material. **Maximum fine for violation of regulation is \$1000.**

CBS residents must apply online for a fireworks permit. Please visit **<http://cbs.burnpermits.com>** and allow up to 5 business days for approval.

Town of Paradise

No person shall detonate fireworks or explosive devices not used in construction, unless authorized by the Enforcement Authority and subject to the approval of law enforcement or other regulatory agencies, with the exception of statutory holidays as declared for New Year's Eve and Canada Day. **Maximum fine for violation of regulation is \$1000.**

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- **Purchase from authorized vendors.** Before you buy ask to see their permit issued by the St. John's Regional Fire Department. Approved fireworks have bilingual labels.
- **Transport in your trunk** in a non-sparking container with a lid.
- **Do not smoke** when loading, transporting, unloading or handling fireworks.
- **Store properly** in a cool, dry place away from children. A maximum of 10kg of fireworks can be stored in homes.
- **Read the instructions** on each firework before you set it up or light it. Children should never handle fireworks.
- **Use outdoors in a clear, open area** away from buildings, vehicles, and overhead power line. Check the manufacturer's required clearances on each package.
- **Fill a bucket with water** and keep it close by in case of malfunction or fire. Dispose used fireworks, duds (misfires) and debris in a bucket of water. Never attempt to re-light duds.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- **Use a hard surface** for ground-based fireworks (Fountains and Mines). Grass is not suitable so lay down wood or plywood.
- **Bury aerial fireworks**, such as Roman candles, in the ground to half its length or in a large pail filled with earth or sand.
- **Give them space.** Spectators should be at least 20 meters away.
- **Protect yourself.** Wear safety glasses or goggles – regular prescription glasses or sunglasses are not suitable and may contribute to injury. Wear non-flammable clothing such as cotton, never wear synthetic fibers such as nylon or polyester. Never put any part of your body or head over the fireworks.
- **Check the wind** and light fireworks with prevailing wind blowing away from spectators.
- **Clean up.** Wait 30 minutes after the fireworks display has finished to check for duds and clean up debris. Dispose everything in a pail of water and check the area again in the morning.

To Report An Emergency:

Dial 911

St. John's Regional Fire Department,
Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fire Prevention Division :
Phone: (709) 576-3905

After Hours Information (Non-Emergency)
Phone: (709) 722-1234

Email: fire@stjohns.ca



Consumer Fireworks By-Laws

ST. JOHN'S



IMPORTANT

**FIREWORKS ARE ONLY
TO BE DETONATED ON
NEW YEAR'S EVE AND
CANADA DAY**

Please see inside for regulation regarding fireworks from **City of St. John's, City of Mount Pearl, Town of Conception Bay South, and Town of Paradise:**