



Pets & Fireworks

Before discharging fireworks, it is important to advise neighbours of when and where you will be setting the fireworks off so that they can make the appropriate arrangements for their pets. Fireworks world-wide cause thousands of terrified dogs and cats to become injured, lost or killed annually, as they try to escape the noise of fireworks. They can hear five times more acutely than humans.

In practical terms, it means that your dog can hear a whisper from almost three times as far away as you can. Cats are even more sensitive to noise.

Here are some tips to help reduce your pets' stress:

- If possible, stay home with your pet when you suspect that fireworks will be set off
- If you can't be home with your pets, keep them inside, draw the curtains and play calming music
- Put their toys or blankets nearby and give them a bone to chew or a catnip toy for cats
- Ensure your pets have identification - micro-chips or collar tags
- If your pets react very badly, consult your vet who can provide advice.



Please program these numbers on your phone to assist you in an emergency:

**For fire, police or ambulance
EMERGENCY— DIAL 9-1-1**

Non-emergency:

Fire: 250.390.2811

Police: 250.754.2345

Keeping our community safe and secure.



For Fireworks Supervisor certification information, visit Explosives Safety and Security Branch, Natural Resources Canada at www.nrcan.gc.ca, and search for National Fireworks Certification Program.

Contact Us

For more information on fireworks regulations within the District of Lantzville or to report a Fireworks Regulation Bylaw offence, contact:

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District of Lantzville

Fireworks Safety, Use & Regulations



This information is a brief summary of District of Lantzville Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005 for convenient reference. View the Bylaw at www.lantzville.ca for additional information.



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Regulation of Fireworks in the District of Lantzville

District of Lantzville Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005 regulates the sale, use, and discharge of fireworks within the District of Lantzville. Fines for offences start at \$150. View Bylaw No. 39 at www.lantzville.ca or the Municipal Hall. Fireworks are also subject to the Federal Explosives Act and the Provincial Fireworks Act.

The Fireworks Regulation Bylaw only allows exploding or discharging fireworks between the hours of 9:00 am to 11:00 pm on October 31st!

The Fireworks Regulation Bylaw prohibits:

- the sale of fireworks
- a person under the age of 18 from possessing fireworks
- selling or disposing of fireworks to a person who is under the age of 18 or appears to be under the age of 18 years
- exploding or possessing a firecracker
- exploding or discharging a firework pointed or directed at any person, animal, building, motor vehicle, tree or bush, within the District of Lantzville boundaries.

The Fireworks Regulation Bylaw also prohibits exploding or discharging fireworks in or on:

- a highway
- a park
- a property on which a school is located
- a beach or area adjacent to the ocean
- land in a commercial or industrial zone.



Fireworks Safety Tips

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a fireworks show handled by professionals, e.g. the Hallowe'en Bonfire and Fireworks display that the District sponsors and the Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. puts on at the tennis court on School Road.

The use of fireworks dramatically increases the risk of fire and injury. Each year thousands of people, most often kids and teens, are injured while using fireworks. If you still choose to set off fireworks during the allowable period from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm on October 31st, [here are some safety tips for adults to follow when setting off fireworks:](#)

- purchase fireworks from a reliable source that sells products that meet all safety standards and follow the packaging label directions
- stay away from illegal explosives and do not improvise your own homemade fireworks
- be familiar with your fireworks before starting the display by carefully reading all instructions
- appoint a responsible adult to be in charge and another to control your audience
- wear head, ear and eye protection and use caution when handling fireworks
- never carry fireworks in your pocket
- keep explosives away from all flammable materials, overhead wires, children, pets, livestock and combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass
- keep sparklers away from children
- light only one firework at a time and only when it is on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand, re-light a dud or throw fireworks or set off in a container
- discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard
- always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks, and have a first aid kit and an emergency plan
- select fireworks and position display to minimize noise, and inform your neighbours.

Special Use Fireworks Permit

The Fireworks Regulation Bylaw also provides that a person or organization wishing to celebrate a special event or festival may apply, in writing, to the Fire Chief for a "Special Use Fireworks Permit".

Application for a Permit

Submit your Special Use Fireworks Permit application, at least one week in advance, to the Municipal Hall for consideration for approval by the Lantzville Fire Chief with:

- evidence of property owner consent
- confirmation of *Fireworks Supervisor* designated as responsible for setting off the fireworks
- \$5,000,000 insurance naming the District of Lantzville as Additional Insured
- acknowledgement of compliance with the Federal *Explosives Act*, the Provincial *Fireworks Act* and the District of Lantzville Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005.

The Fire Chief may impose additional terms and conditions prior to issuance of a permit. The submission of an application does not guarantee approval.

"Fireworks Supervisor" means a person who holds a valid Fireworks Supervisor Certificate from Natural Resources Canada - Explosives Regulatory Division.

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