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**CITY DISCOURAGES YARD/GARAGE SALES
AND BACKYARD FIREWORKS**

Welland, ON - As the spring weather inspires residents to begin their annual spring cleaning, The City of Welland reminds residents that Niagara remains in a state of emergency and continues to follow social distancing guidelines of two metres distancing. Spring is a typical time for residents to host garage and yard sales; however, under strict guidelines that allow for no more than five people gatherings, city staff are strongly recommending that all garage or yard sales be postponed to a later date.

Welland Fire and Emergency services is also strongly recommending that residents do not have backyard fireworks displays until further notice. The city is prohibiting the sale of fireworks for the Victoria Day long weekend to deter residents from setting off fireworks, which have the potential to harm users and also place stress on first responders and the health care system.

The city is currently under a state of emergency order and has cancelled all public events, closed public facilities, and cancelled programs until June 30, 2020. For more information on the City of Welland's response to COVID-19 and pertinent resources visit welland.ca.

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