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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



FIREWORKS BYLAW 2003-127

Welland, ON – The City of Welland reminds residents that fireworks are not to be ignited on public property, including parks and open fields/spaces in the City of Welland. Fireworks are only permitted on Victoria Day and Canada Day as well as three days preceding Victoria Day and Canada Day.

Any person who contravenes any provision of Bylaw 2003-127 is guilty of an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine of not more than \$5000, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, according to Section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act. R.S.O. 1990.

How do I file a complaint about the discharge of fireworks?

At no cost, residents can anonymously report fireworks violations while the fireworks are happening by calling 911 and asking for the Fire Department to respond. Provide the dispatcher with the details and safety concerns while the fireworks are occurring, and they will prioritize the Fire Department's response. During business hours, you can file a complaint either by phone to 905-735-1700 ext. 2403 or by email to fire@welland.ca.

If you choose to have family fireworks or an informal neighborhood display, on the days permitted, keep these fireworks safety tips in mind:

- Purchase fireworks from a reliable source. Stay away from illegal explosives.
- Carefully read and follow directions on the label of fireworks packaging.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Always have a water source such as a running garden hose or bucket of water handy.
- Never experiment with or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time. Never set off fireworks during strong winds.
- Never re-light a dud firework. Wait 15 to 20 minutes, then soak the dud in a bucket of water.
- Never give fireworks to small children and always have an adult present.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- The handler should always wear eye protection and never have any part of their body over the firework.
- Remember to be considerate of your neighbours and pets when using fireworks. Only use fireworks between the hours of dusk (approximately 9:30 to 11 p.m.), as the noise may be disturbing to those around you.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the proper disposal of fireworks.

For further information on selling and discharging fireworks in the City of Welland, please review our Fireworks By-law 2003-127, visit [By-law 2003-127 \(welland.ca\)](http://www.welland.ca/By-law%202003-127)

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