

Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law

- **Fireworks are only allowed on Victoria Day or Canada Day.** To use fireworks on any other day, a Fireworks Display Permit must be obtained from the City.
- Fireworks may be set off on Victoria Day and on Canada Day until 11 p.m. Fireworks with a permit on any other day may be set off until 10 p.m.
- Fireworks can only be set off on your own property. It is illegal to set off fireworks in a park, roadway, sidewalk or any other public property.
- Fireworks must not be set off in a location where the discharge, smoke, residue or fallout of the fireworks can land on another person's property, or another person, or that creates a nuisance, or that creates or may create an unsafe condition, danger from fire or risk or accident, injury or damage.
- Fireworks must not be set off from any window, doorway, balcony, terrace or deck in a multi-residential property, as well as from any common area of such property.

Full rules and regulations are available in the *Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022*.

For more information about firework safety, permits and the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law, visit vaughan.ca/fireworks.

To report firework misuse, call Access Vaughan at 905-832-2281.

For questions or concerns about the regulations of using fireworks, contact By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services at:

- 905-832-2281
- bylaw@vaughan.ca

For questions or concerns about firework safety, contact Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service at:

- 905-832-8506
- firerescue@vaughan.ca



Fireworks Safety

The City of Vaughan is committed to ensuring citizens and those using fireworks are aware of the rules surrounding firework use, so they can be enjoyed, safely, by all. Exercise caution around fireworks and follow proper usage tips.

Firework safety

For your safety and the safety of spectators, take the following precautions with fireworks.

Before you begin:

- Buy your fireworks from a reliable source and never use illegal fireworks.
- Never experiment, make your own fireworks or take fireworks apart or modify them in any way.
- Read and follow firework label directions to understand the product performance and hazards associated with each type of firework.

During the show:

- Operate fireworks outdoors in an area at least 30 metres by 30 metres that is away from buildings, overhead wires, trees, vehicles and dry grass/bush.
- Only adults (18 years or over) should handle fireworks.
- Do not light fireworks during strong winds.
- Keep spectators at least 20 metres away and upwind from the shooting site.
- Keep a garden hose, fire extinguisher and buckets of water and sand nearby.
- Wear eye protection and non-flammable clothing.



- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Ignite fireworks from a bucket of sand. Never light a firework in your hand.
- Never reignite a firework that didn't go off properly. If an item doesn't light easily, or lights and then fizzles out, don't approach the piece for 30 minutes. Soak it in a bucket of water then throw it away.
- Keep unlit fireworks away from your firing area and in a box that is securely covered so that stray sparks cannot get inside. It should be situated upwind from your firing line.

After you are done:

- Submerge used fireworks in a bucket of water and soak them overnight. Wrap the soaked fireworks in a plastic bag to keep them from drying out, and put them in the garbage bin.

- Dispose of used fireworks in small quantities – up to 10 items at a time. Additional quantities of fireworks should be placed in the garbage bin over separate garbage collection dates.
- Clean up all debris.

Safe storage:

- Store unused fireworks in a cool, dry place, and preferably in a locked area outside your home.
- Never allow smoking anywhere near where the fireworks are stored, setup or being used.

Sparkler safety

- Never give fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18 years old.
- Always hold sparklers with your arm fully extended.
- Put extinguished sparklers in a bucket of sand as the wire remains very hot for some time.
- For a safer alternative, try glow sticks, silly string or noise makers.

Firework permit

To operate fireworks for personal or business use on any day other than Victoria Day or Canada Day, you must submit a *Fireworks Display Permit Application* to obtain a permit. The application may take up to 10 business days to process once received. Visit vaughan.ca/fireworks to access the application.