

**SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
FOR
FIRING CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

Safety Precautions:

- If you are under 18, don't use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Choose a wide, clear site away from overhead obstacles (for example 30m (100 ft) x 30m (100 ft) for firing Roman candles) with spectators standing at the perimeter.
- Do not fire in windy conditions.
- Read all instructions on the fireworks. Plan the order of firing before you begin.
- Use a good firing base, such as pails, boxes filled with earth or sand.
- Bury fireworks half their length if they have no standing base, unless the labelling on the fireworks directs otherwise. Set them at a 10 degree angle pointing away from people.
- Never light fireworks in your hand or hold lighted fireworks in your hand, other than a sparkler.
- Light carefully. Always light the fuse at its tip.
- Keep water nearby. Dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water or return to vendor.
- Never try to relight fireworks that did not go off. Never try to fix fireworks that defective. Wait at least 30 minutes before approaching such fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a cool, dry, ventilated place and in a locked container, away from children.

The following is an excerpt from the town's bylaw respecting fireworks:

PART III - GENERAL

3. A person, defined as a **Peace Officer** pursuant to this Bylaw, is empowered to exercise the powers conferred by this Bylaw, and further, the Fire Chief and appointed **Officers** of the Fire Department are empowered to exercise the powers conferred by this Bylaw and the powers conferred by the Saskatchewan Fire Code Regulations.
4. The throwing, propelling, ejecting, lighting, firing, exploding, setting off, discharging or possession of firecrackers or other fireworks of every nature or kind is hereby prohibited in the Town of Osler except as herein provided.
5. A **Peace Officer** may seize firecrackers and other fireworks being held in violation of this Bylaw.
6. Notwithstanding any clause in this Bylaw, a Special Fireworks Permit allowing a display of fireworks or firecrackers on the terms and conditions set out in the Special Fireworks Permit in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A", or to like effect, may be purchased from the Town of Osler for a fee of \$20.00.
7. The Town of Osler will not issue a permit pursuant to subsection 6 to a Special Fireworks Permit display unless a registered owner of the property is the person seeking

the permit or the person seeking the permit has written consent from the registered owner of the property to seek such a permit.

8. Notwithstanding any clause contained in this Bylaw, the Town of Osler may issue a permit to a person or organization to detonate or explode fireworks or firecrackers for religious or ceremonial purposes with strict conditions as the Town deems necessary.

9. If the Town, as a result of the existence of hazardous fire conditions, deems it advisable, the Town may cancel or suspend for such time as is specified in the order, any Permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw, or may attach to any or all such Permits such conditions and restrictions as may be appropriate.

10. All Permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall be subject to such conditions, restrictions, and provisions as the Town may consider necessary or expedient to incorporate therein.

11. An owner or occupier of real property shall remove any item or reduce any condition from a building or yard which may be deemed to be a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire.

12. Fireworks will not be permitted on residential lots without express written permission from the Council of the Town of Osler.

12. All disputes arising as a result of the administration of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be referred to the Council and Council shall be the final authority in all cases.

13. Any and all costs that are incurred while mitigating fires resulting from the misuse of fireworks will be charged to the person or persons responsible for discharging the fireworks or firecrackers.

14. The cost of mitigating fires will be assessed at the rate of \$300.00 per hour for every fire truck and \$30.00 per hour for every fire fighter.

PART IV - FIREWORKS AND MINORS

16. Sale or furnishing of fireworks shall be in accordance with rules set out by the Province of Saskatchewan or the Saskatchewan Fire Code Regulations.

17. No minor shall be in possession, ignite or explode fireworks or fire crackers.

PART V - FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

18. All public fireworks and firecracker displays must be performed under permit issued under this Bylaw and abide by conditions contained in this Bylaw (see Schedule A).

19. Public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be permitted only when the point at which the fireworks and firecrackers are to be fired is at least 60 metres from the

nearest permanent building, public highway or railway, or other means of travel, or 15 metres from the nearest above ground telephone or telegraph line, tree or other overhead obstruction.

20. The audience at a public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be restrained behind lines at least 45 metres from the point at which the fireworks and firecrackers are discharged and only persons in active charge of the display shall be allowed inside these lines.

21. All fireworks that fire a projectile must be directed in such a manner that the projectile goes into the air in a vertical direction.

22. In circumstances where fireworks are to be fired beside a lake or large body of water, the fireworks may be directed in such a manner that the falling residue from the deflagration will fall into the body of water.

23. Any fireworks and firecrackers that remain unfired after the display is concluded shall be immediately disposed of in a safe manner.

24. No public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be held during a wind storm unless at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

25. No public display of fireworks and firecrackers shall be held when the outside temperature is 30 degrees C or higher and/or if the humidity is 30% or less. The Fire Chief may also cancel any permits in times where the fire danger rating is extreme.

26. The persons in charge of the firing of fireworks and firecrackers in a public display shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and competent for the task.

27. There shall be at all times at least two (2) operators of the display constantly on duty during the discharge.

PART VI - PENALTIES

28. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrain from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 the penalties being enforced and the fines and costs being recoverable upon summary conviction.

PART VII - SEVERABILITY

29. If any section, subsection or clause of the Bylaw is declared or held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted and adopted without the invalid and severed section, subsection or clause.