

Celebrating with fireworks



It's wildfire season. Don't be the reason!



Keep Fireworks **Fire Safe**

Fireworks are an exciting part of summer, but practice fire safety. You are responsible if hot residue from your fireworks starts a wildfire and could be held responsible for the cost of putting it out. Consider attending an organized fireworks venue instead of setting off your own.

Forest Fires Prevention Act

The Act states, "No person who discharges a firearm, a flare, fireworks or explosives in or within 300 metres of a forest area shall leave any residue from the discharge unextinguished." While there are no additional restrictions regarding fireworks during a Restricted Fire Zone, please consider:

- During periods of hot, dry weather, sparks and embers can start forest fires.
- All fires are investigated to determine the cause.
- You can be charged under the Act and may be held responsible for the cost of putting the fire out.
- Check with your local municipality for additional municipal by-laws for fireworks.

Fireworks safety tips

Please follow these fireworks safety tips:

- Choose a fire safe area to ignite fireworks that is free of flammable materials.
- Always have adult supervision.
- Launch fireworks over an area free of flammable material, such as gravel or a lake.
- Have fire suppression equipment on hand.
- When completed, check the area for any hot residue and ensure it is put out.

Did you know?

From April 1 to October 31 (the fire season), sparks and embers can start a wildland fire during times of hot, dry weather.

Report a forest fire

You can help protect Ontario's forests. If you see smoke or flames, or would like to report an unattended fire, call 310-FIRE (3473) north of the French and Mattawa rivers, or 911 south of the rivers.

