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## **Fireworks safety tips for the Canada Day long weekend**

**Georgina, ON** – The Canada Day long weekend is the perfect time to relax and enjoy everything Georgina has to offer. One of those things is fireworks. Residents are encouraged to attend public fireworks displays and to use caution if they choose to have a private fireworks display at home or at a cottage.

Remember these fireworks handling and disposal tips to keep your family and neighbourhood safe:

- Only purchase fireworks from a reliable source.
- Appoint a responsible person to be in charge. Only adults who are aware of the hazards and essential safety precautions should handle and discharge fireworks.
- Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.
- Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.
- Light only one firework at a time and only when they are on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks. For dud fireworks, it is best to wait 30 minutes and soak them in a bucket of water. Dispose of them in a metal container.
- Discharge fireworks only if wind conditions do not create a safety hazard.
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn extremely hot and can ignite clothing, cause blindness and result in severe burns. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention, if necessary.

### **Public fireworks**

If you are looking for a public fireworks display on Canada Day, join us at the ROC for a fun day of activities starting at 2 p.m. Fireworks begin at 10 p.m., weather permitting.

### **Fireworks by-law**

Residents are reminded they can set off fireworks without a licence on Victoria Day and Canada Day, as well as the day before and after each of these holidays. A licence is needed to set off fireworks on any other day of the year. Licences can be picked up at the Civic Centre or by calling 905-476-4301 to request an emailed application. Applications must be submitted in person. There is a \$25 fee.

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