

# Pets & Fireworks



If you are issued a permit from the District of Lantzville to discharge fireworks, it is important to advise neighbours of when and where you will be setting the fireworks off so that they can make the appropriate arrangements for their pets. Fireworks worldwide cause hundreds of terrified dogs and cats to become injured, lost or killed annually, as they try to escape the noise of fireworks. They can hear five times more acutely than humans.



In practical terms, it means that your dog can hear a whisper from almost three times as far away as you can.

Cats are even more sensitive to noise.

Here are some tips to help reduce your pets' stress:

- ◆ If possible stay home with your pet when you suspect that fireworks will be set off
- ◆ If you can't be home with your pets, keep them inside, draw the curtains and play calming music
- ◆ Put their toys or blankets nearby and give them a bone to chew or a catnip toy for cats
- ◆ Ensure your pets have identification - micro-chips or collar tags
- ◆ If your pets react very badly, consult your vet who can provide advice.

## Contact Us

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Visit us on the web:

[www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca)

View the application for fireworks permits & Bylaw No. 39, 2005 at:  
[www.lantzville/cms.asp?wpID=579](http://www.lantzville/cms.asp?wpID=579)

## Other Important Contact Information

For fire, police and ambulance  
**EMERGENCY— DIAL 911**

Non-Emergency:

Fire - 250.390.2811

Police - 250.754.2345

Ambulance - 250.758.8181

**Explosives Safety and Security Branch,  
Natural Resources Canada at:**

[www.nrcan.gc.ca/minerals-metals/explosives/4291](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/minerals-metals/explosives/4291)



# FIREWORKS



District of Lantzville

## Fireworks Safety, Use & Regulation



# SAFETY FIRST!

## Fireworks Safety Tips

The use of fireworks dramatically increases risk of fire and injury. Each year thousands of people, most often kids & teens, are injured while using fireworks. To minimize the risk



of fire and burn injury, the District of Lantzville does not recommend family fireworks or informal neighbourhood displays. The District recommends attending public fireworks displays hosted by responsible organizations.

If you still choose to have a family fireworks or an informal neighbourhood display, **here are some important safety tips to follow:**

- ◆ Obtain a District permit, when required, and follow ALL District regulations and conditions of your fireworks permit.
- ◆ Only individuals who hold a valid Fireworks Supervisor certificate from Natural Resources Canada -Explosives Regulatory Division can discharge commercial display fireworks, subject to proof of insurance.
- ◆ Purchase from a reliable source and follow the packaging label directions.
- ◆ Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- ◆ Discharge fireworks well away from flammable materials, overhead wires, children, pets and combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.

- ◆ Wear ear and eye protection.
- ◆ Appoint a responsible adult to be in charge and control your audience.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 several minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- ◆ **Please notify your surrounding neighbours.**

### NEVER:

- ◆ Experiment with homemade fireworks
- ◆ Give fireworks to children
- ◆ Throw or point fireworks at other people
- ◆ Carry fireworks in your pocket
- ◆ Shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers



## Fireworks in the District of Lantzville

Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005 regulates the sale, use, and discharge of fireworks with the District of Lantzville. View the bylaw and obtain the application form at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) or the District Office. Fireworks are also subject to the *Explosives Act* and *Fireworks Act*.

### Sale

The District of Lantzville Fireworks Bylaw does not permit the sale of fireworks within the District of Lantzville boundaries.

### Permit Required

Except for setting off fireworks on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm, you must obtain a Special Use Fireworks Permit prior to setting off fireworks within District boundaries. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks. Fines start at \$150.00.

### Application for a Permit

Submit your completed Special Use Fireworks Permit application, including property owner consent, at least three business days in advance, to the District Office for consideration for approval by the Lantzville Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may impose additional terms and conditions prior to issuance of a permit. Applicants for commercial display fireworks require a Fireworks Supervisor, insurance indemnifying the District, and are subject to the *Explosives Act*. The submission of an application does not guarantee approval.

**FIRE CRACKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF LANTZVILLE**