



Fireworks Safety Awareness Information Package



Discharge dates:

January 1st; July 1st; October 31st; only

CVRD Fireworks & Discharge Regulation Bylaw No. 39

- The goal of the Bylaw is to reduce the risk of personal injury, noise, and property damage from fireworks use.
- Minimise the impact on Livestock and pets.
- The area of jurisdiction of this Bylaw includes all electoral areas (Mill Bay/Malahat, Shawnigan Lake, Cobble Hill, Cowichan Bay, Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora, Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls, Youbou/Meade Creek, Saltair/Gulf Islands, & North Oyster/Diamond) and the Town of Ladysmith and the Town of Lake Cowichan.

Prohibitions

- No person shall sell fireworks
- No person shall discharge fireworks unless in possession of an approved CVRD Fireworks Discharge Permit.
- No fireworks discharged within 500 m of a livestock property.



Ticket Fines

- Sale of fireworks: \$750
- Unlawful discharge of fireworks: \$250

Talk to your neighbours!

- A friendly warning to your neighbours will limit disturbance. Respectful communication goes a long way for healthy neighbourly relations.
- Have a safe and fun time!
- Check for livestock in your area

Handling of Fireworks

- Read the instructions.
- Keep all spectators the specified distance recommended on instructions or at least 30 meters away.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses/goggles. Regular prescription glasses or sunglasses provide little or no protection and may contribute to an injury.
- Wear non-flammable clothing.
- Check wind direction and speed; fireworks should be lit with the prevailing wind blowing away from spectators. Do not set off aerial fireworks in strong winds.
- Keep a charged hose or bucket of water close by in the event of a malfunction or fire and soak the area when done.
- During the display, store and cover unused fireworks away from the firing area.
- Never put any part of your body over the fireworks.
- Never attempt to re-light a misfire or dud. Place in a bucket of water after 30 minutes.
- Never let children handle, play, or discharge fireworks under any circumstances.
- Never smoke while handling fireworks.
- Never store fireworks in pockets.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone or anything including: people, pets, cars, or buildings.
- Never hold fireworks in your hand while lighting them.
- Wait 30 minutes after the display has finished. Check the firing area for duds, clean up all debris, place in bucket of water and check it again the next morning.



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