



# FIREWORKS SAFETY

## TIPS AND GUIDELINES



Fireworks can be fun and exciting, but for some residents they can also cause significant stress and concern. Young children, individuals with sensory sensitivities, veterans, and pet owners may find fireworks unsettling or overwhelming. As we enjoy celebrations and special events, it's important to be mindful that what is entertainment for some can be a challenging experience for others.



Fireworks are permitted, within the Town of Portugal Cove St. Philip's, as long as they are done so in a safe manor. To ensure a fun but safe family fireworks display, it is important that you follow the manufacturer's directions and you put the proper safety measures in place.

## FIREWORKS GUIDELINES

- 1 BURY FIREWORKS** that do not have a base halfway in a container of earth or sand (such as a pail, box or wheelbarrow) unless the label on the firework indicates otherwise. Set them at a 10-degree angle, pointing away from people.
- 2 CHOOSE A WIDE, CLEAR SITE** away from all obstacles. Refer to the safety instructions on the fireworks label for minimum distances from spectators and structures.
- 3 KEEP FIREWORKS IN A COOL, DRY VENTILATED PLACE**, out of the reach of children.
- 4 FIRE PREVENTION.** Have a fire extinguisher and pail of water nearby. Dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water.
- 5 USE A GOOD FIRING BASE** such as a pail filled with earth or sand.
- 6 LIGHT CAREFULLY.** Always light the fuse at its tip.
- 7 NEVER TRY TO LIGHT A FIREWORK OR HOLD A LIT FIREWORK IN YOUR HAND** unless the manufacturer's instructions indicate that they are designed to be hand-held.
- 8 READ ALL INSTRUCTION** on the fireworks. Plan the order of firing before you begin.
- 9 PEOPLE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD** shall not discharge fireworks.
- 10 PROTECT YOURSELF.** Safety glasses are recommended to be worn.
- 11 AVOID WINDY CONDITIONS.** Do not fire them.
- 12 ONLY PURCHASE AUTHORIZED FIREWORKS** from reliable dealers.
- 13 ALWAYS FOLLOW DAILY WILDFIRE RISK** issued through Forestry, Agriculture and Lands. Once the index is **high** or **greater** there are NO fireworks.



## CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Does your neighbor have children or pets that can become scared upon hearing the noise discharged from fireworks? Give a courtesy call to let them know you are planning to discharge fireworks so they can prepare children and keep pets indoors and safe.

Be aware of the noise you are making and follow the Town's Noise and Nuisance By-Law.



## QUICK TIPS

As per the Town's Noise and Nuisance By Law, with the exception of July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, approval from council is required to set off Fireworks.

Always follow the manufacturers directions and follow safety precautions.

 <https://www.gov.nl.ca/fal/wildfiremanagement/fire-hazard-map/>