



*Township of Uxbridge*



# Fireworks By-law

Information Guide to  
By-law No. 2011-012

## At a glance.

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This by-law regulates the sale, discharge, and use of fireworks within the Township of Uxbridge. It helps ensure the safety of residents, protection of property, and responsible celebration of holidays and events.

## What is Allowed?

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Family Fireworks may be discharged:

- On Victoria Day, Canada Day, or
- On the day before those holidays.

Must follow our safety rules outlined in this brochure.

Permits are required for:

- Fireworks outside permitted dates.
- Display Fireworks (large shows).
- Theatrical Fireworks (stage/special effects).

To apply for a permit you must:

- Contact Uxbridge Fire Department,
- Provide proof of insurance, site details, and **Fireworks Supervisor Permit** (if applicable) required,
- Pay an application fee (see Township Fee By-law).

## What is Prohibited?

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- Firecrackers or Prohibited Fireworks (e.g. cherry bombs, M80s, smoke bombs).
- Fireworks discharged into or from buildings, cars, public roads, parks, or schools.
- Sales or discharge by persons under 18 years of age.
- Discharge without landowner's permission.
- Unsafe or nuisance discharge.
- Sale or storage contrary to Federal Explosives Act or this by-law.



## Discharging Fireworks Safely

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If you are discharging Family Fireworks:

- Only on private property with the owner's permission.
- Keep fire extinguishing equipment nearby.
- Follow manufacturer's safety distances.
- Discard fireworks safely.
- Do not discharge in, into, or from any building, vehicle, or structure.
- Supervise children under 18 at all times.

## Display & Theatrical Fireworks

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To discharge display and theatrical fireworks, you must obtain a permit. Once obtained, permit holders must:

- Have certified Fireworks Supervisor present at all times.
- Use only at approved date/time/location.
- Comply with distance requirements (e.g., 300m from fuel storage or hospitals).
- Follow the Federal Fireworks Manual.
- Carry \$2 million liability insurance and indemnify the Township.

## Selling Fireworks in Uxbridge

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Permitted sales periods for Family Fireworks:

On Canada Day, Victoria Day, and 7 days prior to each.

Vendors must:

- Hold a valid permit and follow federal guidelines.
- Post "No Smoking" signs (6m radius).
- Not sell to anyone under 18.
- Provide manufacturer safety brochures.
- Display fireworks in safe, non-flammable areas.
- Ensure trained staff only sell fireworks.

Online Vendors, in addition to above, must:

- Have a 6m "no encroachment zone".
- Located far from buildings and roads.
- Fire extinguishers on site.
- Max 15 customers inside at once.

## Enforcement & Penalties

- This by-law is enforced by Municipal Law Enforcement, Fire Officials, and Police.
- Offences may result in fines under the Provincial Offences Act.
- permits may be revoked for false information or violations.

## Need a Permit or Have Questions?

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 [www.uxbridge.ca/fireworks](http://www.uxbridge.ca/fireworks)

 905-852-9181.

## Stay safe. Celebrate responsibly.

