

Firework guidelines

You **do not need a permit** to discharge fireworks in Leduc County, but should follow the below guidelines to ensure you are discharging fireworks in a safe and respectful manner.

Individuals planning to discharge fireworks should consider those in neighbouring areas prior to discharging fireworks. The loud sounds and flashes of light caused by fireworks can disturb livestock and animals. We recommend contacting nearby residents and informing them of your plans to discharge fireworks so they can take necessary precautions to protect livestock and animals. Further, we recommend you discharge fireworks as far away from neighbouring properties as possible.

If you plan to purchase, set off or store fireworks, take note of the following information.

Age requirement

You must be 18 years of age to purchase, possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off fireworks.

Storage considerations

No more than 10 kilograms (roughly 22 pounds) of fireworks can be stored in a dwelling unit. If consumer fireworks are stored in a dwelling unit, they must be stored as follows:

- ▶ away from flammable substances and sources of ignition
- ▶ in a manner that protects them from theft
- ▶ in a manner that ensures access to them is limited to adults

Discharging fireworks

In Leduc County, you must **not** discharge fireworks:

- ▶ in a place or manner that could cause a risk of injury, death or damage to persons or property.

- ▶ within 30 metres of a highway, road allowance, range road or township road
- ▶ on a public beach, park or municipal reserve
- ▶ within 30 metres of any building, tent, trailer, canvas shelter or motor vehicle
- ▶ within 30 metres of a stand of trees, brush or power lines
- ▶ when a fire ban or fire restriction is in place or when the weather conditions create an undue fire hazard such as when winds exceed 30 kilometres per hour

The following tips will help ensure a safe fireworks display:

- ▶ Choose a wide, clear site away from all obstacles for your set up.
- ▶ Read and follow all instructions on the fireworks packaging.
- ▶ Plan the order of firing before you begin.
- ▶ Wear safety glasses when setting up and firing fireworks.
- ▶ Use a good firing base, such as a pail filled with earth or sand. If fireworks do not have a base, bury them halfway in a container of earth or sand, unless the label on the firework indicates otherwise. Fireworks should be set at a 10-degree angle, pointing away from people.
- ▶ Light fireworks carefully. Always light the fuse at its tip and never try to light a firework or hold a lit firework in your hand unless the manufacturer's instructions indicates so.
- ▶ Keep water nearby and dispose of used fireworks and debris in a pail or water.
- ▶ Wait at least 30 minutes before approaching a firework that did not go off. Never try to relight a firework that did not go off and never try to fix a firework that is defective.

Livestock, animal and other considerations

- ▶ Loud sounds and flashes of light caused by fireworks can also disturb livestock and animals, such as cattle, dogs, wildlife, birds, fish and even insects.
- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings. Fireworks silent side effects can include anxiety, disorientation, abandonment of dens – leaving offspring behind – and even death from ingesting firework debris.

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