



SAANICH FIRE DEPARTMENT

2019 Fireworks Permit Application Information

Permit applications for consumer fireworks events must be submitted no later than 12 noon on Thursday, October 31, 2019. To apply, you need to submit the following:

- A completed permit application form (Schedule "A")

If the consumer fireworks event is to occur on property that is **not owned** by the applicant or is on property owned or controlled by the Municipality, a completed property owner agreement (Schedule "C")

- **If** you have been engaged to discharge the fireworks for someone else, a completed organizer/ sponsor agreement (Schedule "D")
- Valid Certificate of Completion of the Saanich Fire Department's "Fireworks Safety Course"
- \$10 permit fee – **cash or cheque only**

Fireworks Safety Course

Completion of a Saanich Fire Department fireworks safety course every three years is mandatory for those wishing to use fireworks and receive a fireworks permit. Permits are available at Saanich Fire Administration, 760 Vernon Avenue, Monday-Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have not completed a Saanich Fire Department fireworks safety course in 2017 or 2018, you must choose and attend one of the courses offered below.

Pre-registration for the course is required. Register by email: fireprevention@saanich.ca. Please include your name, phone number, address of fireworks discharge, and the number for the course you wish to attend or contact the Fire Prevention Division at 250-475-5500.

Fireworks Safety Course Workshop Schedule

| Course No. | Day | Date | Time | Location |
|------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Wednesday | October 16, 2019 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Kirby Room Saanich Police/Fire Building 760 Vernon Avenue |
| 2 | Wednesday | October 23, 2019 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Kirby Room Saanich Police/Fire Building 760 Vernon Avenue |
| 3 | Sunday | October 27, 2019 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Kirby Room Saanich Police/Fire Building 760 Vernon Avenue |

Fireworks permits are issued to qualified applicants immediately following successful completion of the Fireworks Safety Course and payment of the \$10 permit fee. **Payment is to be made by cash or cheque only.**

Saanich Fireworks Regulations 2019

The Municipality of Saanich has adopted Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 8865 which regulates the sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks in the community throughout the year. The purpose of the bylaw is to mitigate the significant risks to persons and property that occur with the presence and use of fireworks in the community.

This information sheet will assist you in understanding how fireworks are regulated and how to meet the bylaw requirements so you and your family can enjoy your special occasions safely and legally.

Please refer to Bylaw No. 8865 *“To Regulate the Possession of Fireworks and Limit the Discharge of Fireworks”* (www.saanich.ca/fire) for complete regulations and permit application requirements.

Fireworks Restrictions

Fireworks fall into three categories: Consumer, Display, and Pyrotechnic Special Effects. Generally speaking, Consumer Fireworks are low hazard fireworks used for recreation, such as Halloween. Display Fireworks are high hazard fireworks used in larger community events such as Canada Day celebrations. Pyrotechnic Special Effects Fireworks are high hazard fireworks used in the entertainment and film industry.

Consumer Fireworks are restricted in that:

- No one may possess or discharge fireworks without a permit.
- Permit holders must be 18 years of age or older.
- Parents or guardians of any person under 18 years of age shall not allow that person to possess or discharge fireworks.
- Discharge is limited to October 31st between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Permit holders must discharge the fireworks in a manner that does not increase the risk of physical injury to any person or damage to any public or private property.

There is a complete ban on:

- The sale or trading of fireworks and firecrackers anywhere in the Municipality.
- The possession and the discharge of firecrackers and prohibited fireworks, including modified fireworks.

The Bylaw may be enforced by the Fire Chief, fire department personnel, bylaw enforcement officers and the Police Department. Consequences for violations are:

- Rescinding of a permit
- Confiscation of fireworks
- Tickets with fines between \$100 and \$500

Saanich’s Fireworks Regulation Bylaw 8865 is in effect and enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year-round.

Fireworks Safety

Follow these common sense precautions when planning your event:

- ✓ Only persons 18 years of age and older, with a permit, may possess or discharge fireworks.
- ✓ Only low-hazard (consumer) fireworks are to be used by the general public.
- ✓ Firecrackers and bottle rockets are prohibited throughout Canada by federal regulation.
- ✓ Modification of fireworks is prohibited.
- ✓ Choose a safe outdoor area. Ideally it's a bare area of ground away from buildings, overhead obstructions, trees, vehicles, dry grass and other flammables.
- ✓ Have spectators watch from a safe distance of at least 20 metres.
- ✓ A bucket, large box or wheelbarrow filled with soil or sand makes a good firing base to secure fireworks before lighting.
- ✓ Ensure a large bucket of water, sand or a garden hose is ready at the fire site.
- ✓ Use a lighting stick to light fireworks, rather than matches or lighters.
- ✓ Leave "duds" untouched for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- ✓ Dispose spent firework casings in a container of water.

Remember the 3 "Nevers"

- ✓ **Never** point or throw fireworks at anyone or anything – people, pets, cars, or buildings.
- ✓ **Never** hold fireworks in your hand while lighting them.
- ✓ **Never** attempt to re-light or move fireworks that fail to go off.

The Saanich Fire Department and the Office of the Fire Commissioner encourage you to enjoy display fireworks events put on by trained personnel, rather than use consumer fireworks. Public events decrease the risk of personal injury and property damage that may result from accidental or improper use of consumer fireworks.

Have a safe and happy time!

SCHEDULE "A"

Application for Permit – Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks

Name of applicant: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone: _____

Fireworks Supervisor Level and Card No. (attach photocopy) or n/a _____

THE APPLICANT HEREBY applies to discharge consumer or display (circle one) Fireworks on property within the Municipality as follows:

Address of fireworks discharge: _____

Date: _____ Time: (Start) _____ (End) _____

Description of event: _____

Estimated number of spectators: _____

Expected Type and quantity of fireworks: _____

Contact name and phone for organizer or sponsor of consumer fireworks event or display fireworks event (Schedule "C" attached): _____

Contact name and phone for property owner (Schedule "C" attached): _____

This collection of personal information is authorized under the *Local Government Act*, Community Charter and section 26 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information will be used for processing this permit application. Questions can be directed to the District's Privacy Officer at: 770 Vernon Ave., Victoria BC V8X 2W7, t. 250-475-1775, e.

foi@saanich.ca

Information on requirements can be obtained through the Fire Dept. Telephone: (250)475-5500

READ CAREFULLY

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES that the applicant understands and will be guided by the provisions of Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 8865, 2007, as amended from time to time, and all applicable Provincial and Federal laws and regulations, in force from time to time, and any conditions or restrictions imposed in this permit by the Fire Chief.

THE APPLICANT FURTHER CERTIFIES that the applicant has reviewed and fully understands the attached Fireworks Safety Information Sheet.

THE APPLICANT FURTHER CERTIFIES that the applicant is authorized to the appropriate level by Natural Resources Canada to possess and fire, set off or explode fireworks of the class specified within this application.

IN CONSIDERATION of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which the applicant acknowledges), the applicant covenants that the applicant will indemnify and save harmless the Municipality and its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and contractors from and against any and all manner of actions or causes of action, damages, costs, loss, or expenses of whatever kind (including, without limitation, legal fees) which the Municipality or its elected officials, employees, officers, agents or contractors may sustain, incur, or be put to by reason of or arising out of:

- a) the issuance of this permit
- b) the consumer fireworks event or display fireworks event, including, without limitation, the handling, storage, discharging or other use of fireworks in connection with this permit;
- c) the applicant's use or occupation of the location upon which the consumer fireworks event or display fireworks event is to occur; or
- d) any act or omission of the applicant or any person for whom the applicant is at law, responsible, including, without limitation, the non-observance or non-performance of any obligation imposed by Federal or Provincial law.

The applicant acknowledges that he or she has had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice as to the contents of this agreement and that he or she is not under any legal disability.

Signature of applicant

Date

PERMISSION IS GRANTED to the above applicant to discharge consumer or display (circle one) fireworks, at the location and on the date and time(s) as set out above, subject to "Fireworks Regulation Bylaw" No. 8865, 2007, as amended from time to time, and to the following conditions and restrictions:

- This permit is not transferable. Only the applicant is authorized under this perm
- .it to discharge fireworks.
- The applicant may only discharge the type and quantity of fireworks described in the application.
- The applicant must ensure that all debris and litter related to a consumer fireworks event or display fireworks event that occurs on municipal property, including any litter left by the spectators, is removed from the location at the conclusion of the consumer fireworks event or display fireworks event.
- For a display fireworks event, in accordance with requirements of Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 8865, 2007, the applicant shall obtain a Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy with an inclusive limit of not less than \$5,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and provide evidence of the same to the Fire Chief no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the permitted event.

Other:

October 31, 2019, between 5 and 10 p.m.

Fire Chief or authorized designate

Date of issue

SCHEDULE "B"

Application for Pyrotechnics Permit

Name of applicant: _____

Birth date: _____ Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Explosives Regulatory Division Event Approval: _____
(attach photocopy)

Fireworks Supervisor Level and Card No.: _____
(attach photocopy)

THE APPLICANT HEREBY applies to discharge pyrotechnic special effects fireworks on property within the Municipality as follows:

Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: (Start) _____ (End) (attach time schedule of production)

Site plan: _____ (attach plan) estimated attendance: _____

Type and quantity of fireworks, explosives and combustible products: _____

Firing procedures: _____

Emergency response procedure: _____

Description of fire safety plan: _____
(attach photocopy of Fire Chief approval)

Security deposit for fire safety plan: _____

List of crew members: _____

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IN CONSIDERATION of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which the applicant acknowledges), the applicant covenants that the applicant will indemnify and save harmless the Municipality and its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and contractors from and against any and all manner of actions or causes of action, damages, costs, loss, or expenses of whatever kind (including, without limitation, legal fees) which the Municipality or its elected officials, employees, officers, agents or contractors may sustain, incur, or be put to by reason of or arising out of:

- a) the issuance of this permit
- b) the pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event, including, without limitation, the handling, storage, discharging or other use of fireworks in connection with this permit;
- c) the applicant's use or occupation of the location upon which the pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event is to occur; or
- d) any act or omission of the applicant or any person for whom the applicant is at law, responsible, including, without limitation, the non-observance or non-performance of any obligation imposed by Federal or Provincial law.

The applicant acknowledges that he or she has had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice as to the contents of this agreement and that he or she is not under any legal disability.

Signature of applicant Date.

SCHEDULE "C"

**Agreement of Property Owner for Fireworks Event or
Pyrotechnic Special Effects Fireworks Event**

Name of applicant: _____

Name of organizer or sponsor of fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event:

Location of fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Name of property owner: _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone: _____

The property owner has agreed and consented to the organizer/sponsor holding and the applicant performing a fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event on the date and at the location and time described above. The applicant has applied to the Municipality for a permit to perform such fireworks event or a pyrotechnics permit to perform such pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event.

In consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the property owner), the property owner hereby remises, releases and forever discharges the Municipality and its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and contractors of and from any and all matter of actions, damages, causes of action, suits, debts, claims, demands and damages of any nature or kind whatsoever which the property owner may at any time have against the Municipality or its elected officials, employees, officers, agents or contractors arising out of any cause, matter or thing in respect of or arising out of:

- a) the issuance of the permit or pyrotechnics permit to the applicant;
- b) the fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event, including, without limitation, the handling, storage, discharging or other use of fireworks in connection therewith;
- c) the use or occupation of the location upon which the fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event is to occur; or
- d) any act or omission of the applicant or organizer/sponsor or any persons for whom either is, at law, responsible, including, without limitation, the non-observance or non-performance of any obligation imposed by Federal or Provincial law.

The property owner acknowledges that he or she has had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice as to the contents of this agreement and that he or she is not under any legal disability.

Signature(s) of property owner(s)):

Date:

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SCHEDULE "D"

**Agreement of Organizer or Sponsor of a Fireworks Event or
Pyrotechnic Special Effects Fireworks Event**

Name of applicant: _____

Location of fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Name of organizer or sponsor of fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event: _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone: _____

The organizer/sponsor has engaged the applicant to perform a fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event on the date and at the location and time described above. The applicant has applied to the Municipality for a permit to perform such fireworks event or a pyrotechnics permit to perform such pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event.

In consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which the organizer/sponsor acknowledges), the organizer/sponsor hereby covenants to indemnify and save harmless the Municipality and its elected officials, employees, officers, agents and contractors from and against any and all manner of actions or causes of action, damages, costs, loss, or expenses of whatever kind (including, without limitation, legal fees) which the Municipality or its elected officials, employees, officers, agents or contractors may sustain, incur, or be put to by reason of or arising out of:

- a) the issuance of the permit or pyrotechnics permit to the applicant;
- b) the fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event, including, without limitation, the handling, storage, discharging or other use of fireworks in connection therewith;
- c) the use or occupation of the location upon which the fireworks event or pyrotechnic special effects fireworks event is to occur; or
- d) any act or omission of the organizer/sponsor or applicant or any persons for whom either is, at law, responsible, including, without limitation, the non-observance or non-performance of any obligation imposed by Federal or Provincial law

The organizer/sponsor acknowledges that he or she has had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice as to the contents of this agreement and that he or she is not under any legal disability.

Signature(s) of organizer/sponsor: _____ Phone: _____

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