



GUIDELINES FOR LOW-HAZARD CONSUMER FIREWORKS

National Fire Code 2019 (AE); Federal Explosives Act (CE-17)

Under the regulations of the Lethbridge County, Alberta Fire Code, Fire Quality Management Plan, fireworks can be discharged in Lethbridge County, but they cannot be sold.

1. Consumer fireworks permits will only be issued to individuals over 18 years of age.
2. Applicants must be the legal landowner of the discharge site or have the landowner's written permission to apply.
3. The permit holder must contact the City of Lethbridge Public Communications Centre 30 minutes before your display starts and immediately after your display is complete. CALL 403-329-1225.
4. The permit holder must confirm that no fire bans or advisory are in place on the day of the event. Please check Lethbridge County website www.lethcounty.ca. Fireworks permits will be suspended if wind speeds exceed 15km/hour.
5. A consumer fireworks permit is valid for one event only. However, the date can be changed prior to the scheduled event by notifying Lethbridge County at 403-328-5525 or emailing Lethbridge County Fire Services at bfraser@lethcounty.ca.
6. Neighbouring landowners whose properties or livestock may be affected by fireworks discharge must be notified, and permission obtained prior to discharge.
7. You'll need to have 2 fire extinguishers at least one being a 10lb ABC in the immediate area.
8. You can discharge low-hazard consumer fireworks only (these are under Federal Class 7.2.1 and include items like sparkles, fountains, volcanoes, mines, and snakes). High-hazard fireworks, firecrackers, or special effect pyrotechnic devices are not permitted.
9. If you are discharging ground-level fireworks (fireworks that function at 15 metres or lower) they must be discharged in a location with no dry grass or combustible material on the ground beneath them, and the area needs to be thoroughly wet down immediately before the fireworks are discharged.
10. Fireworks may not be discharged within 10 meters of any building, shelter, or motor vehicle, or 200 meters of any place where explosives or flammables are stores.
11. Fireworks may not be discharged from the highway, road allowance, public beach, over a body of water or park.
12. Fireworks should be stored in a cool, dry area, in a secure container, away from excessive heat, open flame, or spark-producing equipment or tools. There must be a fire extinguisher in any building where fireworks are being stored.
13. Fireworks are explosives. Ensure you read and follow the instructions, cautions and warnings on each firework. Fireworks permit holders must follow all terms and conditions outlined on the permit.