

# APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS DISCHARGE PERMIT



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Please submit your application at least 72 hours before  
the date of your proposed fireworks display

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## Organization conducting fireworks display

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Display:  Public display  Private display

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## Individual responsible for fireworks display

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fireworks display details

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Property address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Start & end time: (expected)

*Fireworks display should not last longer than 30 minutes, and must be finished by 10:00 p.m., except for New Years.*

Site location and fireworks to be used: (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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I confirm that I will personally supervise this fireworks display, and that I have read and will abide by the attached information regarding notice, restriction during fire ban, and safe handling of fireworks. Initials \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understood and signed the attached Release and Indemnity form. Initials \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person responsible for fireworks discharge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Permit approved by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Corporate Services or Deputy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# FIREWORKS PERMIT INFORMATION

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## **Notice of Fireworks**

- Please notify neighbours (adjacent property owners and inhabitants) at least 24 hours before your fireworks display. Respectful communication goes a long way for healthy neighbourly relations and minimizing disturbances.
- Be aware of livestock and pets in your area and ensure owners have been notified.

## **No Fireworks during fire ban**

- Do not discharge fireworks when there is a municipal fire ban in effect. You must check the current status of fire bans. This permit does not ensure compliance with fire bans.

## **Safe Handling of Fireworks**

- Only discharge fireworks in a clear open space, away from fire hazards such as trees, dry grass, buildings, etc.
- Read the instructions. Keep all spectators the distance recommended on instructions or at least 30 m away. Keep a charged hose or bucket of water close by in the event of a malfunction or fire and soak the area when done. Keep a fire extinguisher on site.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses/goggles. Regular prescription glasses or sunglasses provide little or no protection and may contribute to an injury.
- Light fireworks on a hard, flat and level surface to ensure stability.
- Check wind direction and speed; fireworks should be lit with the prevailing wind blowing away from spectators. Do not set off aerial fireworks in strong winds.
- During the display, store and cover unused fireworks away from the firing area.
- Never put any part of your body over the fireworks. Never hold fireworks in your hand while lighting them. Never smoke while handling fireworks. Never store fireworks in pockets. Never attempt to re-light a misfire or dud.
- Never let children handle, play, or discharge fireworks under any circumstances.
- Never throw fireworks at anyone or anything including: people, pets, cars, or buildings.
- 30 minutes after the display has finished:
  - check the firing area for duds,
  - place any duds in a bucket of water for at least 30 minutes, and
  - clean-up all debris.
- Check the firing area again the next morning to see if any further clean-up is required.

Personal information is collected by the Municipality of North Cowichan under the authority of section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of administering fireworks discharge permits. Should you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this personal information, please contact the Deputy Director of Corporate Services at the number or address listed above.

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## RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

### Please Read and Sign

**Release, waiver and assumption of risk:** I hereby acknowledge that fireworks, including but not limited to the storage, handling, use and discharge of fireworks can be dangerous, exposing anyone involved to various risks and hazards. Some of these risks and hazards are inherent in fireworks themselves and others may result from human error and negligence on the part of fireworks handlers and users, or on the part of organizers of fireworks events and activities.

**In consideration** of being granted a Fireworks Discharge Permit by the Municipality of North Cowichan, **I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I hereby forever release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan and all of its servants, agents, officers and employees, (hereafter collectively called the "Releasees"), from any and all liabilities, proceedings, claims, and causes of action of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to all personal and other injuries or damage to property of any kind, and any and all legal fees and legal costs which I or anyone else may suffer or incur, arising out of or connected in any way directly or indirectly to my storage, handling, use and discharge of fireworks, notwithstanding that such injuries, damages or costs may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of any of the Releasees;
2. I DECLARE that I know of no physical issue or other reason which should keep me from obtaining or making use of a Fireworks Discharge Permit, and I understand and agree that I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE for any and all injuries, harm or damage to property of any kind that I or others may sustain as a result thereof;
3. I FURTHER acknowledge and agree that this Release and Indemnity limits my rights and those of others to compensation should I or they have any claim or cause of action of any kind against The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, and I further understand I have the right to independent advice before signing this agreement;
4. I FURTHER acknowledge and agree that it is in my best interest to have insurance coverage in place with respect to any aspect of this matter;
5. **I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, AND IN AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW I CONFIRM MY CONSENT TO AND AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print):

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Email Contact: