



Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service

Fire Prevention Branch

Consumer Fireworks Display Permit & Application Information

➤ Do I require a permit for my display?

YES! No person may ignite, fire, or set off any fireworks or cause any fireworks to be ignited, fired or set off, and no owner or occupant of premises may permit fireworks to be ignited, fired or set off on the premises, without a Fireworks Display Permit issued by the Fire Paramedic Service. A Permit is not required for hand-held sparklers or caps for toy guns if they are the only novelty being set off.

➤ How much does it cost?

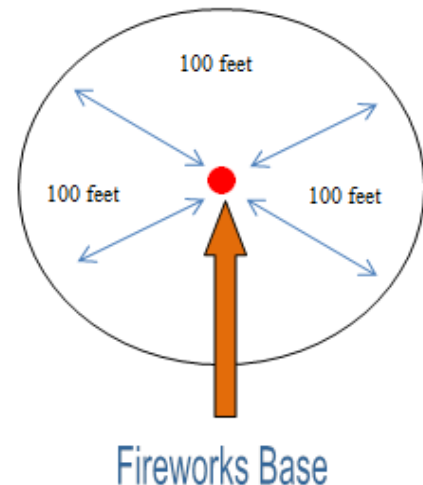
There is **no charge** for a Consumer Fireworks Display Permit.

➤ What clearances to combustible structures are required?

Your firing base (e.g. mound or non-combustible pail of sand or earth) must be a minimum of 30 m (100 feet) in every direction away from the nearest building structure, neighboring property line or public land.

➤ Where can I set off my fireworks?

Most residential properties will not be able to meet the above-noted clearances. No person shall set off any fireworks in or into any building, doorway, automobile, or other place where such setting off might create a danger or nuisance to any person or property. No person may ignite, fire or set off any fireworks or cause any fireworks to be ignited, fired or set off in or on or into any highway, street, lane, square or any other public place except as otherwise permitted by the Fire Prevention By-Law. Remember, **all spectators** should maintain a safe distance (recommended minimum 20 m or 65 feet) from the firing base.



➤ Is an inspection of my display site required?

Not necessarily! In some situations where clearances to combustible materials or buildings are questionable, an inspection may be conducted by the Fire Paramedic Service to determine if the site is suitable for a fireworks display.

➤ Do I require a permit for a display outside of Winnipeg boundaries?

Check with the local municipal authority for the area where your cottage is located for any specific regulations or conditions that may apply.

➤ What if I don't own the property?

The applicant must provide **written consent from the registered owner** or owner's agent of the land for which the Permit will be requested.

No person may ignite, fire, or set off fireworks **on or over** land owned by the City of Winnipeg or land over which the City has possession or control unless the person has obtained **written permission** to do **so from the City of Winnipeg** department which has the responsibility for the land. The letter of permission is then

presented to the Fire Prevention Branch at 185 King Street to be reviewed as part of the consumer fireworks display application. A **sketch** of the proposed **location for the display** including lot size and location of nearest structures and buildings is also required.

➤ **How old do I have to be to purchase fireworks?**

No person may offer for sale or distribute any fireworks, and no person being the owner, occupant, or person in charge of any premises may permit fireworks to be sold, offered for sale, or distributed on the premises to anyone **under 18 years of age**. The display must be under the conduct and supervision of at least one responsible person who shall be a minimum of 18 years of age. You also must be 18 years old to obtain a permit.

➤ **How do I prepare for my display?**

First of all, read and comply with the manufacturer's instructions on all fireworks. Plan the firing order before you begin. Make a firing base (e.g. mound of sand or earth) from which to set off your fireworks. Bury all long fireworks at least halfway down into the firing base.

Light all fireworks at arms' length, standing back and keeping your face turned away. Preferably use a "igniter stick" to set off your fireworks. Light carefully and always light the fuse at its tip. Remember to protect your eyes with safety glasses or safety goggles.

Provide a pail of water or garden hose connected to a water supply to be used if necessary as a fire extinguisher and to dispose of used fireworks. Do not fire in windy conditions, and store fireworks in a cool, dry, ventilated place, in a locked contained away from children.

➤ **Where do I go to get the fireworks display permit?**

Information regarding fireworks may be obtained at fire stations. All permits are reviewed at the Fire Prevention Branch located on the second floor, 185 King Street. **The following is a summary of the requirements for permit approval:**

1. Applicant is over **18 years** of age. Proof of age is required.
2. The **applicant is the owner of the land** where the display is to take place as documented by a driver's license or some other form of identification **OR** the applicant has **provided written permission from the owner of the land** where the display is to take place. If the display is to take place on City land, **written permission from the City of Winnipeg** department responsible for the land is required.
3. A **sketch of the site** is required, including the location of the firing base and distances (see #3 above)
4. **The applicant must attend 185 King Street to have the permit approved.**

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