



Aviation, Forest Fire and
Emergency Services

Services d'urgence, d'aviation et de
lutte contre les feux de forêt

Fireworks and the Forest Fires Prevention Act

The Forest Fires Prevention Act addresses fireworks in Section 30. This section states, “No person who discharges a firearm, a flare, fireworks or explosives in or within 300 metres of a forest area shall leave any residue from the discharge unextinguished.”

Therefore, any person who set off fireworks is responsible if any hot residue results in a fire. Also, there may be municipal by-laws regarding the use of fireworks.

While there are no additional restrictions during a Restricted Fire Zone, we hope that people will consider that:

- During periods of hot dry weather, sparks and embers can start forest fires
- All forest fires are investigated to determine the cause
- A person can be charged under the Forest Fires Prevention Act and may be held responsible for the cost of putting a forest fire out.



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Suggested measures to promote safe use of fireworks (voluntary):

- Attend an organized fireworks venue instead of setting off your own
- Choose a fire safe area to ignite fireworks that is free of flammable materials
- Always supply adult supervision
- Launch fireworks over an area free of flammable material, i.e., gravel, body of water
- Have fire suppression equipment on hand
- When completed, check the area for any hot residue and ensure it is put out.

To report a wildfire in northern Ontario, call 310-FIRE (3473).

South of the French and Mattawa rivers call 911

For more tips on preventing wildfires, visit:
ontario.ca/fireprevention.