



Fireworks Permit Update

Edmonton Fire Rescue Services
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Fireworks Permits

There is some information currently circulating - exorbitant fees, elimination of community events, banning fireworks all together... none of which is true.

Here's what you need to know.

First, some basic information on fireworks. There are three types of fireworks.

Consumer (family)

- Low hazard
- Designed for the non-professional user for recreational use
- Often used in smaller public shows

Display

- High hazard
- Designed for professional display for large outdoor public viewing events

Special Effect Pyrotechnics

- High hazard
- Designed for professional use during theatrical performances

Legislation Changes (this is what has caused all the fuss!)

On December 1, 2019, the Alberta Edition of the National Fire Code no longer regulated **consumer fireworks**. Every municipality had to create bylaws to regulate the use of consumer fireworks.

What has changed in Edmonton (without considering COVID)?

Not much, actually. Edmonton made the decision **not to ban consumer fireworks**, recognizing this could change many community events, as consumer fireworks are often used for smaller shows.

However, one change is that consumer fireworks are now divided into two categories.

- **Tier I - for use on private residential property**
 - The permit conditions and permit application can be found at edmonton.ca/fireworkssafety
- **Tier II - for any show that the public has access to**
 - Any public show must have a certified professional discharge the fireworks

Tier II Application Process and Fees

APPLICATION

Applications are made through email correspondence to cmsfpspecialevents@edmonton.ca.

The fireworks display company will do this (as they always have).



FEES

Most permit fees cost \$147 dollars. There is **no change** to how fees are being charged.

If high hazard fireworks are being used, a site inspection is mandatory and an additional fee may be charged.

- There will be no overtime charges for low hazard events for 2020.
- **Fun Fact:** Only 1 of 22 community shows was charged overtime last year.

QUESTIONS

For additional information about the permit process, the fees or the conditions of the permit, please visit edmonton.ca/fireworkssafety

For questions, contact cmsfpspecialevents@edmonton.ca.



Will EFRS be issuing fireworks permits?

- Edmonton Fire Rescue Services will **only be issuing fireworks permits for Tier I permits (private property)**.
- **Tier II permits (public property) will NOT be issued** at this time due to current COVID-19 restrictions. These events have the potential to encourage gatherings of more than 100 people and would also require a coordinated approach with civic services to ensure public safety.

Need more information?

For questions regarding changes to consumer fireworks permit process, permit conditions or permit fees, please contact cmsfpspecialevents@edmonton.ca.