

*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

## **Administration Department**

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The City's bylaw compliance department provides the citizens of Parksville with a variety of services related to regulatory issues. Bylaw officers work primarily on a complaint-driven basis, in accordance with Council Policy No. 3.33. The bylaw compliance department attempts, where possible, to gain compliance with the municipal bylaws before resorting to enforcement actions such as issuing tickets or seeking stronger legal solutions.

# **FIREWORKS**

[Fireworks Bylaw  
No. 1427](#)

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### Can I set off fireworks in Parksville?

No. You may not possess or set off any type of fireworks or firecrackers anywhere within the City without a permit.

### How do I get a permit?

- Permits are only issued to applicants with a Fireworks Supervisor and/or Pyrotechnics Certification card as issued by Natural Resources Canada.
- Permit applications must be made in writing to Parksville Fire Rescue at least 30 days prior to the fireworks event.
- Other requirements including acceptable insurance must be satisfied before a permit will be issued.



### Can I sell fireworks in Parksville?

No. The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville and all fireworks are banned within City limits. This includes the possession of consumer fireworks; fireworks should not be purchased elsewhere and brought into the City of Parksville. A person must not fire or discharge fireworks unless authorized by a permit (permits are only issued to applicants with a fireworks supervisor and/or pyrotechnics certification card as issued by Natural Resources Canada).



## DID YOU KNOW?

This bylaw does not prohibit or regulate the use of torpedoes, flares, fuzzes or similar pyrotechnic devices by motorists, boat operators, railroads, police or other agencies for signalling purposes or illumination.



Fireworks can have many harmful effects, from environmental to the health of pets.

- **Air pollution** - fireworks release a range of chemicals into the air including sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. These chemicals contribute to air pollution.
- **Harm to animals** - wild and domestic animals experience fear and disorientation in response to fireworks.
- **Water pollution** - when fireworks are set off over bodies of water, chemicals fall into the water and can cause contamination. Chemicals can also leach into the soil and groundwater, which can affect the quality of drinking water.
- **Wildfire risk** - while nobody wants to intentionally start a fire, fireworks can lead to devastating fires.
- **Human harm** - fireworks can cause serious physical injuries and can be a trigger for those with mental health issues.



## MAKING A COMPLAINT

To make a bylaw complaint you need to provide:

- Nature of the complaint (sale or discharge of fireworks)
- Time, date and other details of incident.
- Location/address of incident.
- Your name, address, phone number, and email.

Afterhours complaints (after 4 pm or before 8 am or on weekends) should be directed to the Oceanside Detachment RCMP at 250 248-6111.