



## FIREWORK PERMITS

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The Open Air Bylaw, 20-104 contains information about Fireworks and the requirement for permits. Discharging fireworks without a permit may result in a response fee of \$485.00 or greater. During fire restrictions or fire bans the person who discharges fireworks will be responsible for all associated fees and costs.

**“Fireworks”** means any fireworks that are considered low hazard and high hazard display fireworks, including consumer fireworks and any items that are listed in the Explosive regulations and anything listed in the Ontario Fire Code.

**“Fire Ban”** No person shall set, maintain or cause to be set or maintained Open Air Fire or **Fireworks**, even if a Burn or Fireworks Permit has been issued under this By-law, when a fire ban has been issued by the Chief Fire Official or designate.

No person shall set off, fire or discharge any device considered fireworks:

- (a) Unless they have a fireworks permit issued by the Chief Fire Official or designate,
- (b) In a place or in a manner that creates a danger or constitutes a nuisance to any person or property,
- (c) On a highway, road allowance, public beach, or park unless they have written permission from the fire department.
- (d) On privately owned land unless they have written permission or consent of that land owner and the consent of the occupant or owner of the neighbouring land, upon which debris may fall upon, a copy of consent must be supplied to the fire department,
- (e) Within 30 m of any building, tent, trailer, canvas shelter or motor vehicle, including livestock, animal shelter or wildlife sanctuary or conservation area.
- (f) Within 200 m of any place where explosives or flammable or combustible liquids or substances are manufactured or stored,
- (g) Within 200 m of any facility that is designated as a hospital, care facility, educational institute, church or assembly building, without the written permission from the fire service,
- (h) When winds exceed 25 km/h or during any conditions considered as an undue fire hazard,
- (i) During any fire ban or fire restriction as set out by MNRF or the Chief Fire Official or designate,

A permit shall be issued with the name, address, phone number of the permit holder, date, time, and location and a description on which the fireworks are to be discharged and any other terms or conditions the fire department deems necessary.

No person under the age of 18 years of age shall purchase, possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off fireworks.



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The Fire Department may cancel any permit if the holder of the permit is found to be in contravention of any of the requirements as outlined above or the Ontario Fire Code.

Firework permits are available from the Minden Hills Fire Department and are good for the day on the permit and for the person who is named on the permit, permits are not transferable.

### **Reporting Illegal Fireworks**

If you see fireworks and there is a fire ban or you are not sure if a permit has been issued, you should contact the Fire Department at 705-286-1212 and report the incident. We will require a 9-1-1 address and your contact information. We will investigate the complaint.

If you do not have the location please call 705-286-1202 and leave a message, or send an email to [njohnson@mindenhills.ca](mailto:njohnson@mindenhills.ca). Please provide as much detail as possible so that we can try and locate the area and investigate.

In the event that there is an emergency such as a smoke or fire, someone injured, burned, property damaged or the potential for a fire, 9-1-1 should be called.

*Any persons setting off fireworks shall be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons, and be liable for all costs incurred by the Fire Department. Contravention of these restrictions will result in fines.*

A **total ban against outdoor burning and fireworks** may be declared when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances warrant it. It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of fire bans. You can also view the fire meter on the home page of the Township's website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) or call the fire status line at **249-802-3535** for automated updates.

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