



Fireworks and Special Events



The City of Hamilton Fireworks By-law allows citizens to set off family-type fireworks only on specific dates around Canada Day and Victoria Day. Display-type fireworks and pyrotechnics can be used on other dates throughout the year, but must be set up and discharged by certified personnel only.

If you are planning the use of family-type fireworks as part of an upcoming event (religious/cultural events, festivals, weddings, etc.) on a date not allowed in the Fireworks By-law you must obtain the services of a certified Fireworks Supervisor to set up and activate the fireworks.

If you are planning the use of display-type fireworks or pyrotechnics as part of an upcoming event you must obtain the services of a certified Fireworks Supervisor or Pyrotechnician to set up and activate the fireworks/pyrotechnics.

Refer to the List of Fireworks Supervisors for contact information for Hamilton-area Fireworks Supervisors, Pyrotechnicians and companies who can provide these services.

Procedure for obtaining approval for the use of fireworks/pyrotechnics:

- Contact a fireworks supervisor
- Arrange the details of costs*, date and show
- Contact the Special Events Office @ 905-546-4646
(can also be done by the fireworks supervisor)
- Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau @ 905-546-2424 ext 1380
(can also be done by the fireworks supervisor)

*Make sure you **confirm the total costs**, which may also include costs such as insurance, travel and other various extra costs not included in the price noted on the list.

Note that you (as the event organizer) or the Fireworks Supervisor/Pyrotechnician will be required to contact:

- City of Hamilton (Special Events Office), and
- The Fire Prevention Bureau of Hamilton Emergency Services

to submit the appropriate information packages necessary for obtaining approval for the use of fireworks/pyrotechnics at your event.

*The Special Events Office and the Fire Prevention Bureau **do not charge for this service***

Points to remember:

- You must have written permission to set off fireworks/pyrotechnics from the owner of the property where they will be used
- There are restrictions regarding setting off fireworks/pyrotechnics too close to certain types of buildings. This may restrict the use of fireworks/pyrotechnics at your event.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Division of Hamilton Emergency Services, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. if you have any questions or would like more information on fireworks and pyrotechnics.

