



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](http://ontario.ca/fireprevention).