



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY

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Consumer Fireworks Restriction (Advisory)

Summer weather has finally come to Nova Scotia. Unfortunately, with the warm, dry weather, our forests are tinder dry and the risk of wildfires is high-to-extreme throughout the province. With Canada Day celebrations rapidly approaching, the Office of the Fire Marshal is issuing an advisory on the use of fireworks.

In order to achieve fire safety the Fire Marshal advises that there is a prohibition on the use and setting off of consumer fireworks when and where there is a provincial ban issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on open fires. In essence, any part of the province shown on the burn maps in red prohibiting open fires will also prohibit Nova Scotians from setting off consumer fireworks. Burn maps are provided by and updated regularly by DNR on its website

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/burnsafe/>

For the purposes of this advisory “consumer fireworks”, are the outdoor, low altitude, recreational fireworks (classification 7.2.1/F1) which are available for purchase from retail outlets. This prohibition does not apply to the setting off of consumer fireworks if done with a local fire department consultation and presence. This ban also does not apply to display fireworks, which are used with the approval of a local authority.

Fire Safety is achieved when there is compliance with enactments having an impact of the protection of persons and property from occurrence of fire, when there is training and informing of persons in relation to fire prevention, taken measures to lessen its consequences and, by emergency preparedness to name a few. The *Fire Safety Act* says that it is also the duty of each person to take every precaution that is reasonable in the circumstances to achieve fire safety.

A failure to comply with this fire safety advisory or with a reasonable request of a fire official may be considered an offence under the *Fire Safety Act* and result in a Summary Offence Ticket being issued.

For more information, please call 1-800-559-3473 or visit <http://novascotia.ca/dma/firesafety/>