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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS **FOR** **FIRING CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

Fireworks are permitted on private property:

- from dusk to 11:00 pm on **Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labour Day**,
- from dusk **New Year's Eve** to 00:15 am New Year's Day.

Safety Precautions:

- If you are under 18, don't use fireworks without adult supervision.
- Choose a wide, clear site away from overhead obstacles (for example 30 m (100 ft) x 30 m (100 ft) for firing Roman candles) with spectators standing at the perimeter.
- Do not fire in windy conditions.
- Read all instructions on the fireworks. Plan the order of firing before you begin.
- Use a good firing base, such as pails, boxes filled with earth or sand.
- Bury fireworks half their length if they have no standing base, unless the labelling on the fireworks directs otherwise. Set them at a 10 degree angle pointing away from people.
- Never light fireworks in your hand or hold lighted fireworks in your hand, other than a sparkler.
- Light carefully. Always light the fuse at its tip.
- Keep water nearby. Dispose of used fireworks (including debris) in a pail of water or return to vendor.
- Never try to relight fireworks that did not go off. Never try to fix fireworks that are defective. Wait at least 30 minutes before approaching such fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a cool, dry, ventilated place and in a locked container, away from children.