

Town will not be hosting any Canada Day festivities due to COVID

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Although Canada Day is just around the corner, the Town of Caledon will not be hosting any festivities due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Town doesn't want to invite a gathering and felt the best way to ensure health and safety protocols will be upheld is by people celebrating on their own within gathering limits.

"To comply with physical distancing and gathering restrictions, there will be no public fireworks displays for Canada Day," said a Town spokesperson. "Due to COVID-19, there are no Town-led Canada Day celebrations happening in 2021."

The Town also wants to remind residents of the rules against discharging of fireworks. Caledon strictly prohibits setting off fireworks on public property, parkland, parks, roads or sidewalks and all designated outdoor spaces.

In Caledon, fireworks can only be set off on private property on Canada Day (July 1) and Victoria Day. Discharging fireworks on any other day is in violation of the by-law and is subject to a fine.

As for the sale of fireworks in Caledon, retailers can only sell fireworks during the 10 days prior to Canada Day, starting June 22. Cost of the permit is \$183.00, non-refundable?all retailers must purchase a permit.

To apply for a fireworks sales permit in Caledon, vendors must download and complete the vendor permit (www.caledon.ca/en/town-services/fireworks.aspx) and email the permit and all necessary documentation to fire@caledon.ca.

Fire Prevention staff will be conducting fire safety inspections to verify compliance with the fireworks By-law and any other federal and provincial regulations.

To learn more about fireworks safety guidelines, visit caledon.ca/fireworks. For questions and concerns about fireworks, contact (905) 584-2272 Ext. 4303 or email fire@caledon.ca and to review the fireworks By-law, visit caledon.ca/by-laws.