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Fireworks Restriction (Advisory)

Summer is an enjoyable time in Nova Scotia. Unfortunately, with the warm, dry weather, our forests can become tinder dry and the risk of wildfires can increase throughout the province. To reduce the risk of accidental wildfires, the Fire Marshal has issued the following advisory.

To achieve fire safety, the Office of the Fire Marshal advises that effective the date of this advisory the use and ignition of all Consumer Fireworks, Display Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Special Effects is prohibited in any area of the province where the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a burn ban on open fires.

This means that in any region shown in red on the official DNR Burn Map — indicating a prohibition on open burning — the use of fireworks and pyrotechnics is also strictly prohibited.

The burn map is updated daily at 14:00 by DNR and reflects current fire conditions across the province. For the most up-to-date information, please visit: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

For the purposes of this advisory,

“Consumer Fireworks” are outdoor, low altitude, recreational fireworks (classification 7.2.1/F1) available for purchase from retail outlets.

“Display Fireworks”, are high-hazard recreational fireworks such as display shells, bombshells, large wheels, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls and mines (classification 7.2.2/F.2) which can only be purchased with a valid fireworks operator certificate.

“Pyrotechnic special effects” are created through the firing of pyrotechnic, propellant and explosive materials and devices and are used by the entertainment industry for indoor and outdoor performances. (classification 7.2.5/F.3)

Fire safety is achieved through compliance with laws that protect people and property from fire, through public education and training in fire prevention, through actions taken to reduce the consequences of fire, and through emergency preparedness. Everyone has a duty to take all precautions that are reasonable in the circumstances to ensure 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 could result in a Summary Offence Ticket being issued.

For more information, please email ofm@novascotia.ca or visit <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/minerals-mining/explosives-fireworks-ammunition/fireworks-pyrotechnics/permits-licences-certificates-regulations-fireworks-pyrotechnics>