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Reminder by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion that fireworks are banned on its territory

Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 29, 2021 – The use of fireworks by citizens is an occurrence that is seen each year on the territory, this summer in particular. However, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion wishes to remind its population that regulations prohibit the sale and use of fireworks for safety reasons.

Only pyrotechnicians may be authorized to handle fireworks. An application must be submitted to the Fire Department prior to any fireworks display. The goal of this regulation, which is in force in many cities across Quebec, is to avoid the risk of fire and injury. One such incident happened recently in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield and was the cause of major damage to a building.

Outdoor fireplaces

Outdoor wood burning fireplaces, on the other hand, are permitted in Vaudreuil-Dorion, provided they meet with certain conditions, including the following:

- The fireplace must be at least five metres from the main building and three metres from any accessory buildings;
- The base of the fireplace must rest on a surface that is both stable and non-combustible;
- The fireplace must be equipped with a spark arrester and a firebox made out of brick or metal;
- Smoke, odours and sparks must not create a nuisance for the neighbourhood.

By-law no. 1216, which contains all the provisions relating to outdoor fireplaces, is available for consultation on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, under "By-laws of general interest". It should be noted that under the Nuisance by-law, outdoor fires are prohibited during smog episodes affecting the Vaudreuil-Soulanges-Huntington area when warnings are issued by Environment Canada's Info-Smog service. Citizens are encouraged to download the WeatherCAN app on their smartphones to be notified of such episodes or visit Environment Canada's website.