



TOWNSHIP OF ESSA MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: TOWNSHIP OF ESSA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: FIREWORKS IN ESSA TOWNSHIP

The Township of Essa permits residential grade fireworks (family fireworks) to be discharged one day prior to Victoria Day and Canada Day from dusk until 10:00pm. Fireworks are prohibited from being discharged within 8 metres of a building, accessory building or structure, tree, fence, tent, trailer, recreational or motor vehicle.

Essa Township is home to Base Borden and its military personnel as well as a significant population of veterans, elderly citizens, citizens who experience PTSD and pets. We are respectfully requesting that if you choose to have a firework display that you do so in a manner that is considerate to your neighbours and all residents of Essa.

For further information on selling and discharging fireworks in the Township of Essa please review our Fireworks By-law 2020-59, available on our website at www.essatownship.on.ca. If you are unable to access our website please call the Administration Centre to have a copy of our Fireworks By-law provided to you.

How do I file complaint about the discharge of fireworks?

If your complaint is urgent or if there is risk of harm please call the OPP Non-emergency line at 1(888) 310-1122. If the matter is able to wait for Municipal By-law Enforcement please continue with Essa's complaint procedure.

Essa has Municipal Law Enforcement Officers available 7 days a week to address complaints received by Essa residents. To officially file a Fireworks complaint you MUST provide:

- Your full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Address where Fireworks are being discharged
- Date and time fireworks were discharged
- Name of person discharging fireworks
- Description of fireworks being displayed
- Date/time stamped pictures and/or videos

You can file a complaint either by email to mcotter@essatownship.on.ca or mbagorro@essatownship.on.ca, by phone to (705) 424-9917 ext 122 or 123 or you can fill out the Township of Essa Municipal Law Enforcement Complaint Sheet available on our website at www.essatownship.on.ca and place it in the dropbox at the Administration Centre or mail it to:

The Township of Essa
Administration Centre
5786 County Rd 21
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All information provided to the Township will remain confidential and every effort will be made for you to remain anonymous. In the event that any By-law infraction proceeds to Court, the Township will provide our file to a Provincial Prosecutor which will include your name and contact information. You may be required to testify.

If your matter is an emergency please dial 911