

Fireworks safety survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

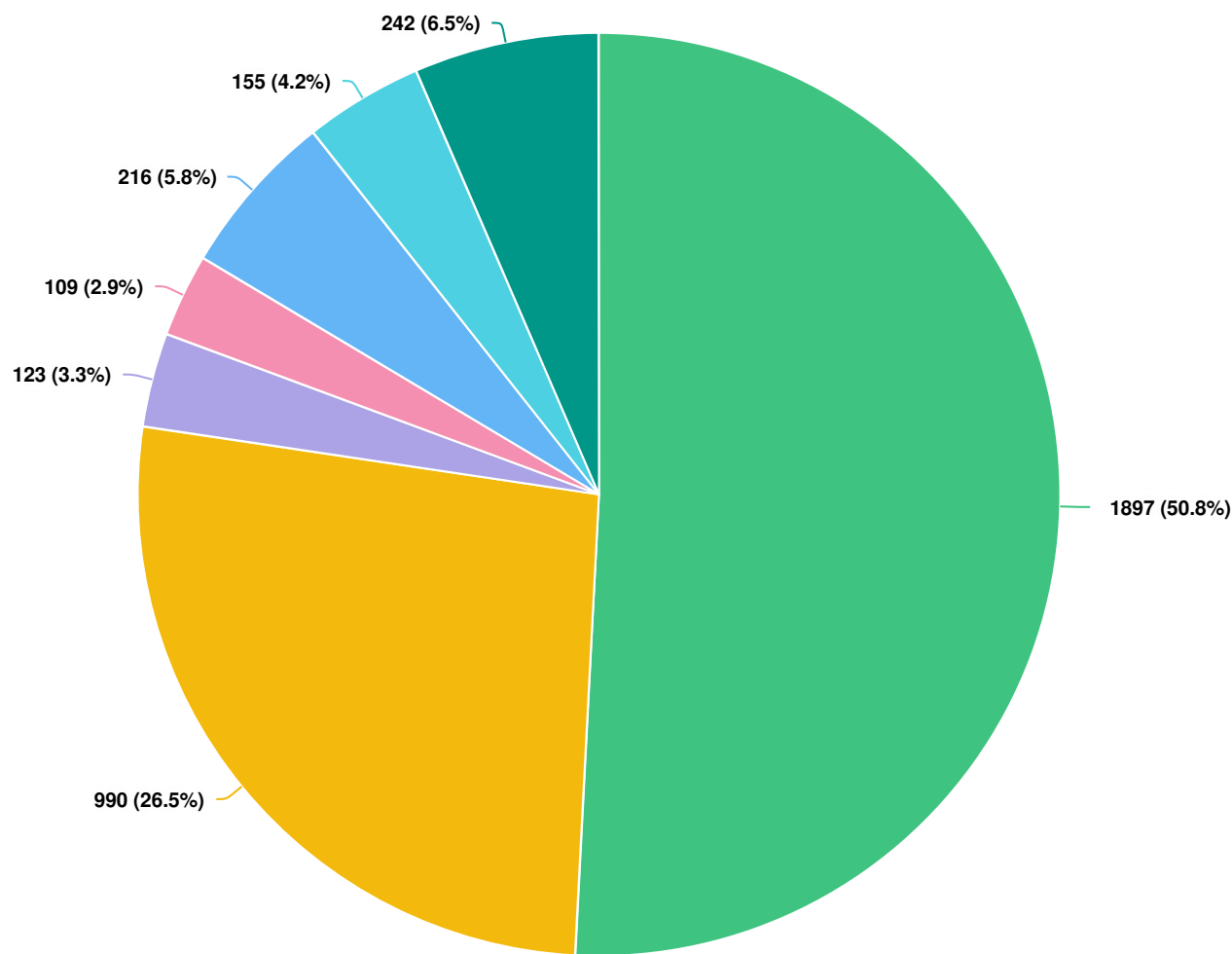
01 January 2025 - 14 February 2025

PROJECT NAME:
Fireworks Safety



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Where do you live?

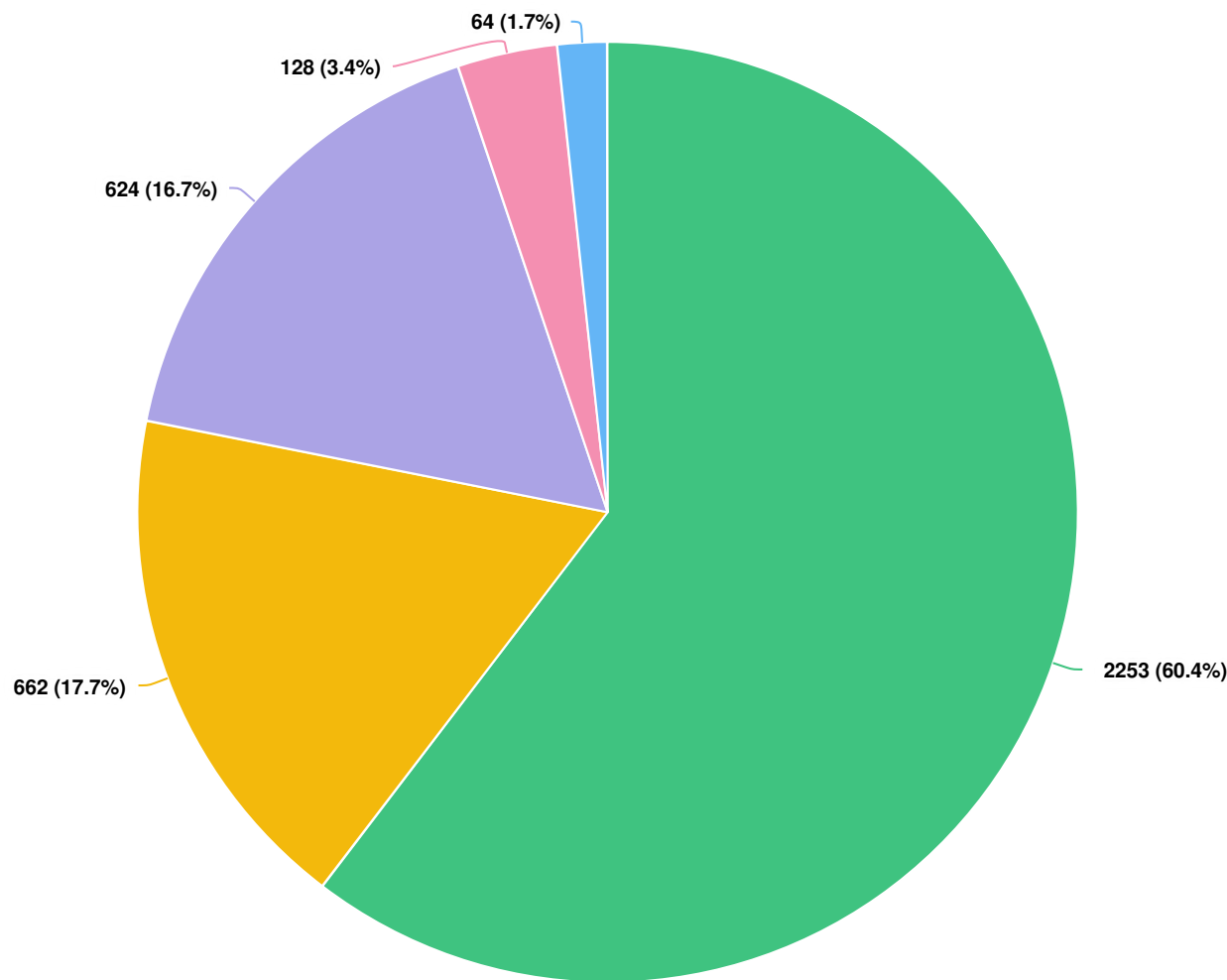


Question options

- KitchenerWaterlooNorth Dumfries TownshipWellesley TownshipWilmot Township
- Woolwich TownshipOther (please specify)

Optional question (3732 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | In the last three years, about how many times did you attend a public fireworks display?
(example: hosted by the City or Township)

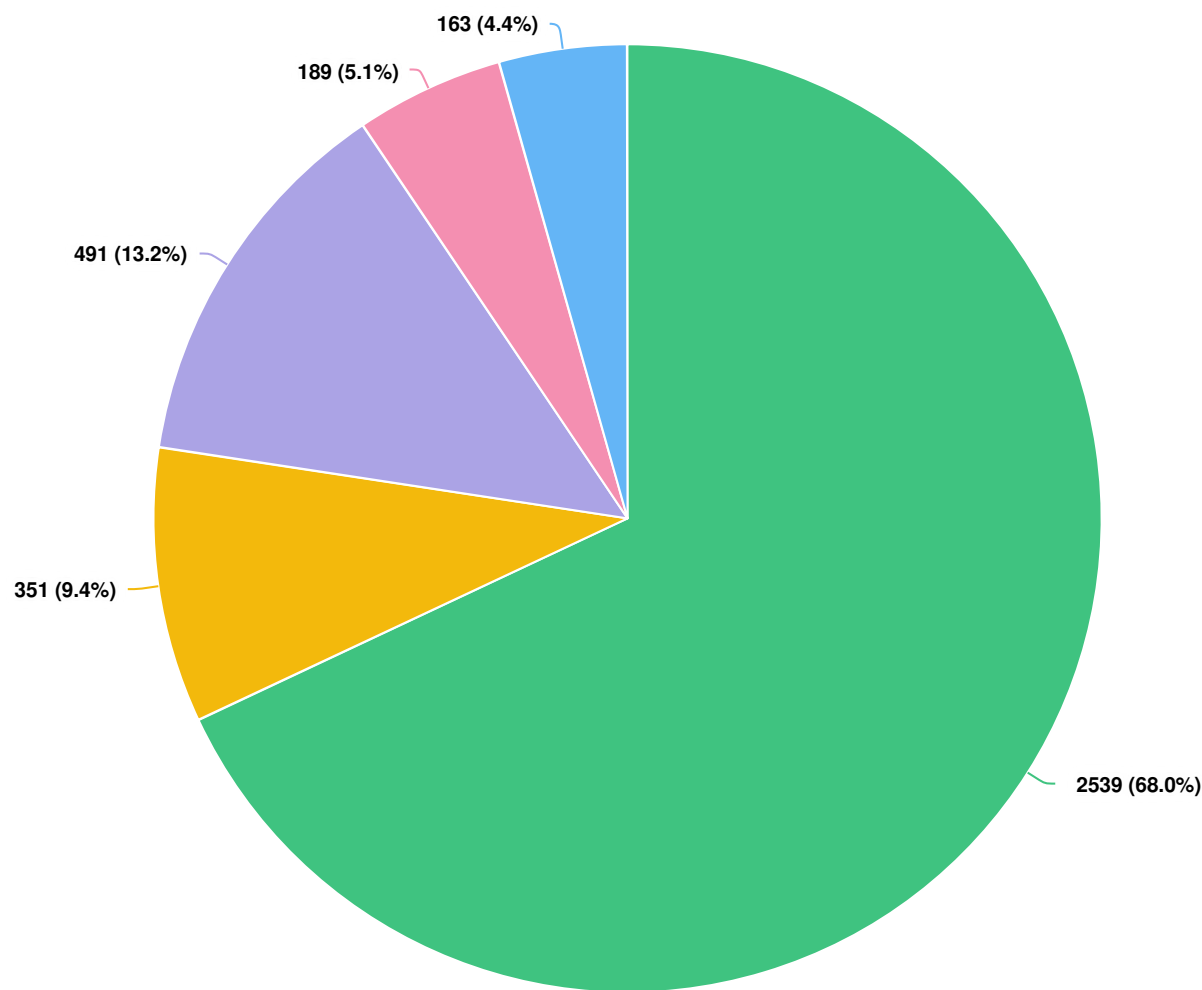


Question options

Never Once 2 or 3 4 to 6 7 or more

Optional question (3731 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 | In the last three years, about how many times did you watch or attend private or household fireworks? (example: hosted by a family member, friend, or neighbour)

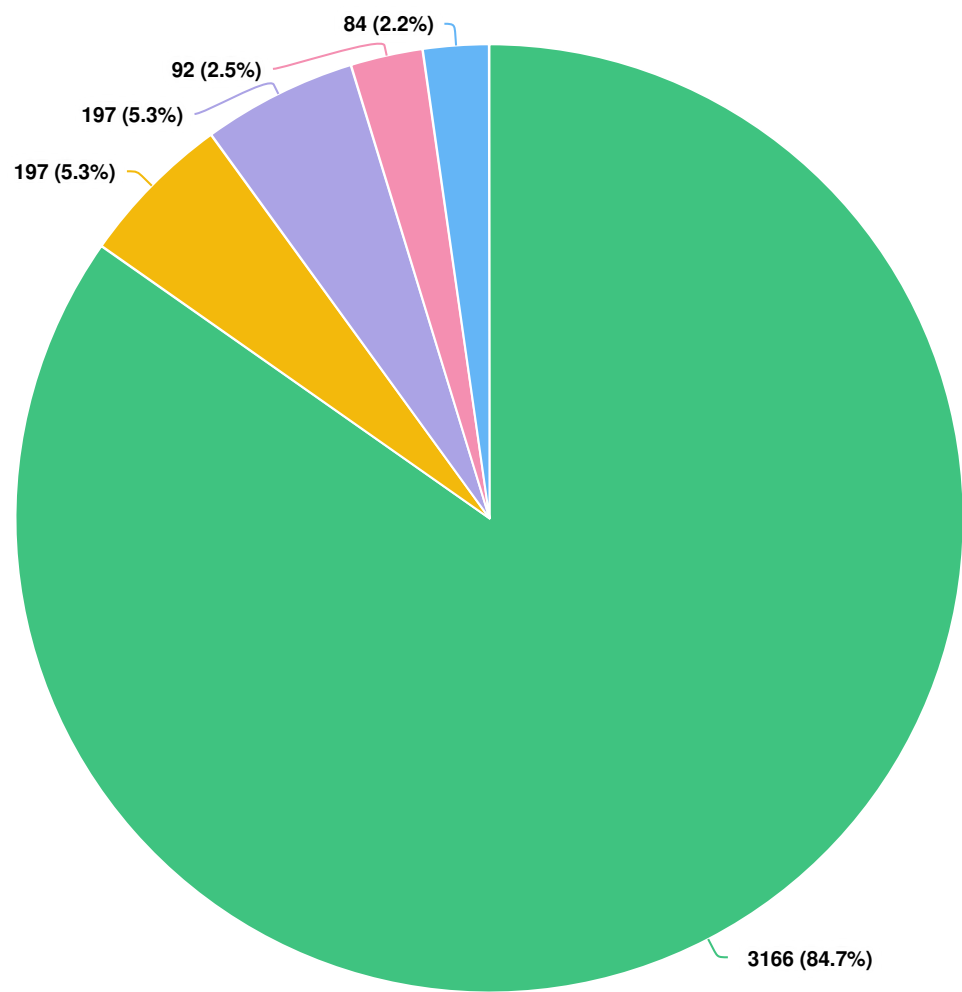


Question options

Never Once 2 or 3 4 to 6 7 or more

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Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | In the last three years, about how many times did you set off private or household fireworks?

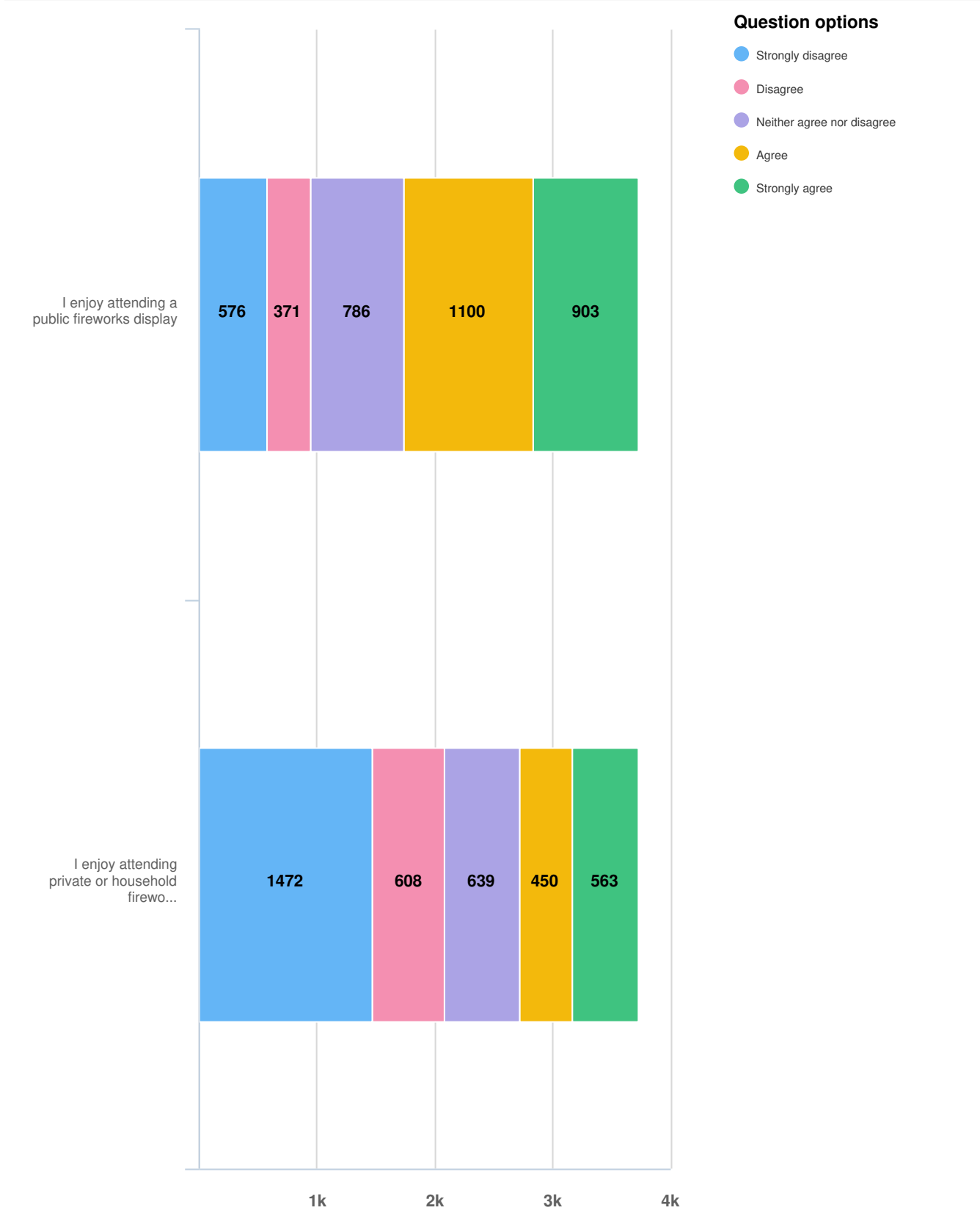


Question options

- Never
- Once
- 2 or 3
- 4 to 6
- 7 or more

Optional question (3736 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 How much do you agree with the following statements?



Optional question (3737 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q5 | How much do you agree with the following statements?

I enjoy attending a public fireworks display

Strongly disagree : 576



Disagree : 371



Neither agree nor disagree : 786



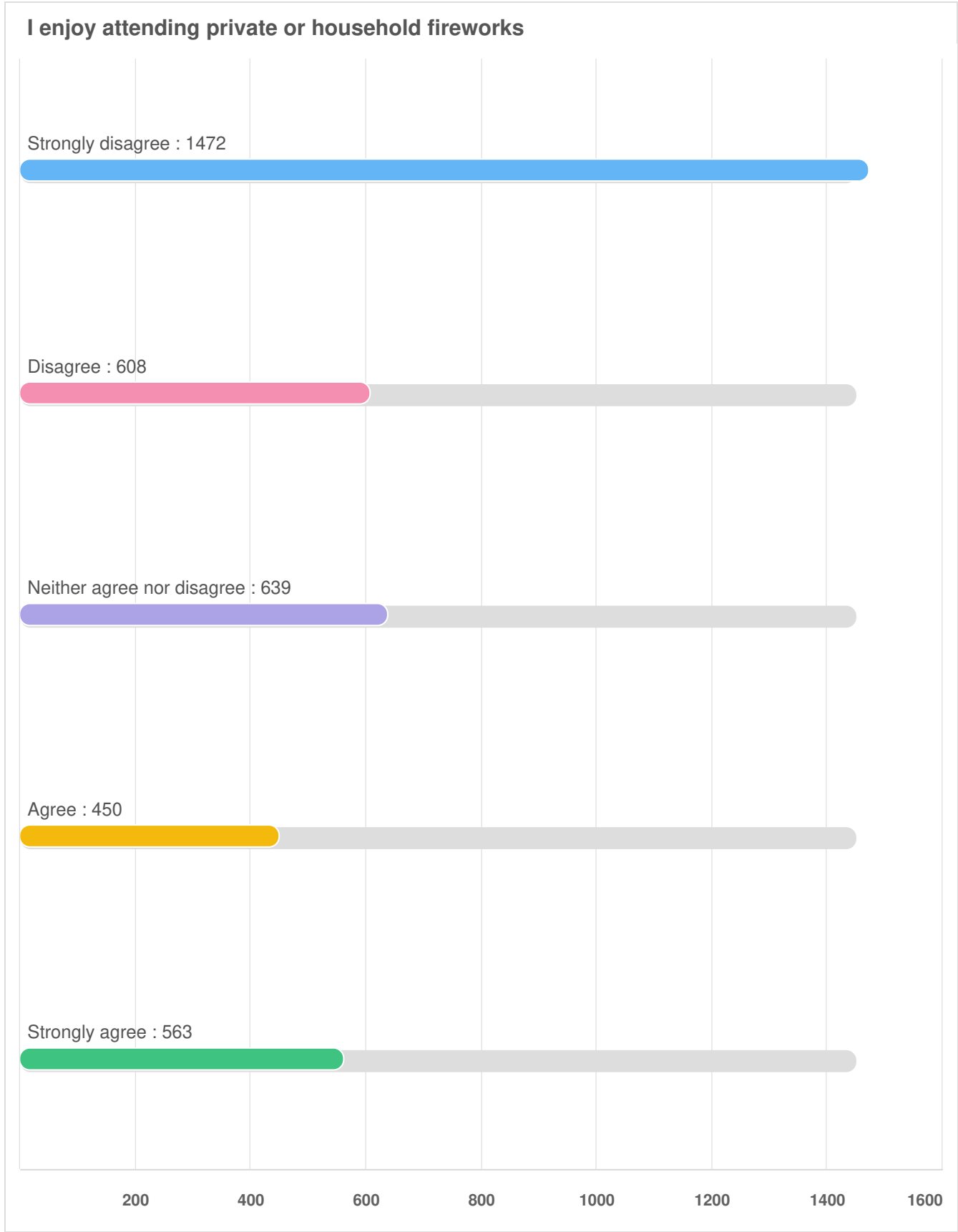
Agree : 1100



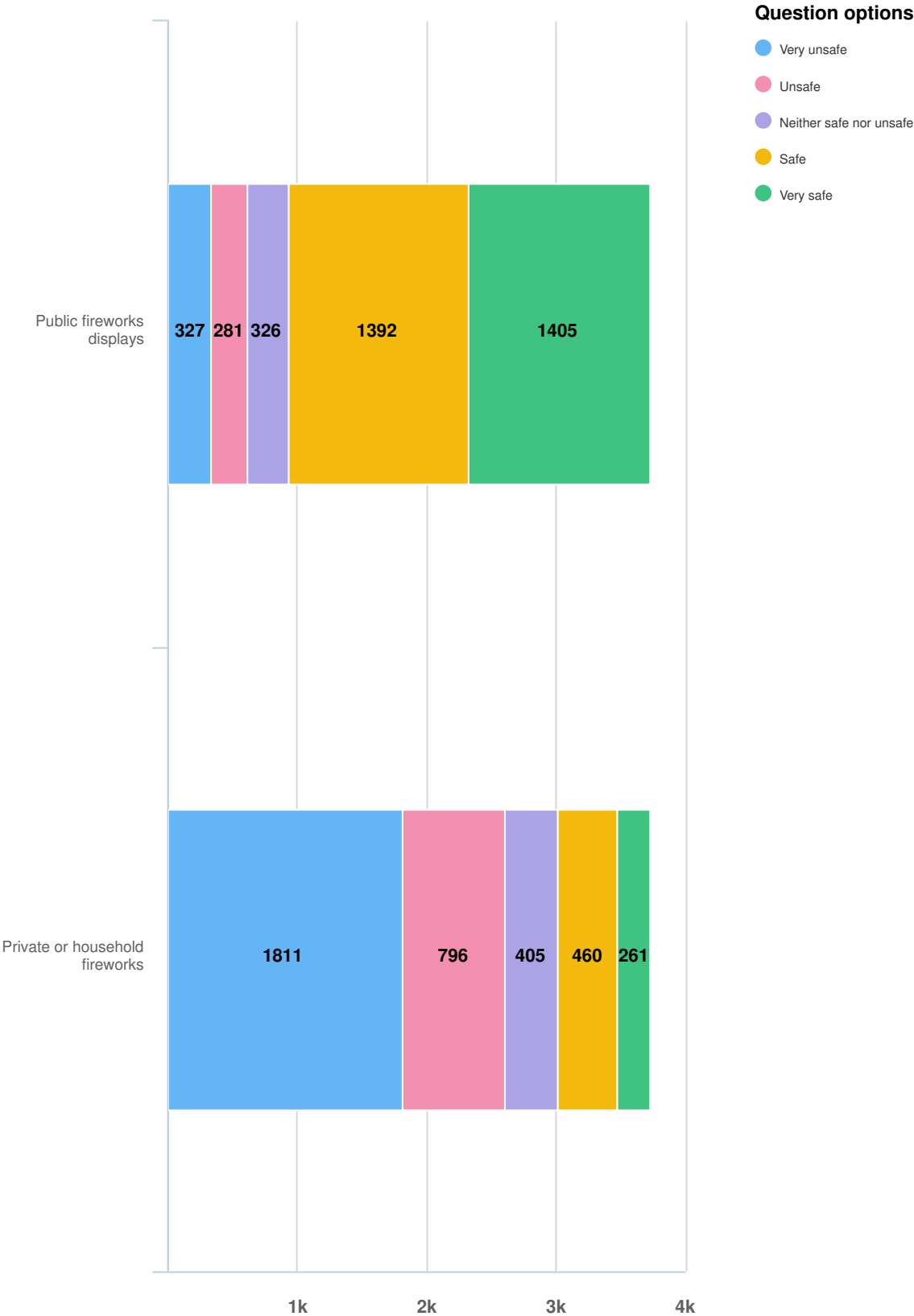
Strongly agree : 903



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Q6 | In your opinion, how safe are:



Optional question (3737 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q6 | In your opinion, how safe are:

Public fireworks displays

Very unsafe : 327



Unsafe : 281



Neither safe nor unsafe : 326



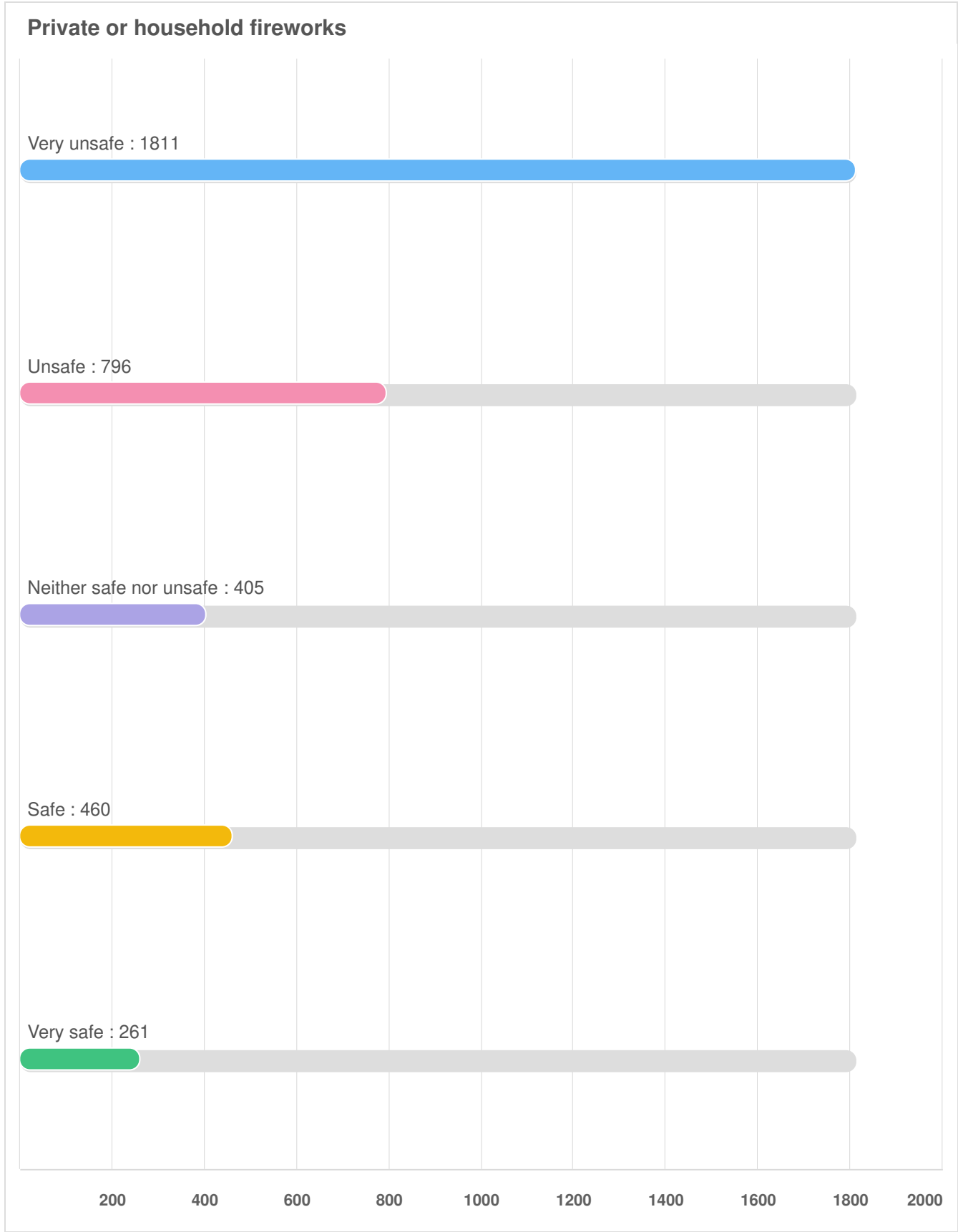
Safe : 1392



Very safe : 1405



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Q7 | How much do you agree with the following statements?



Optional question (3738 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q7 | How much do you agree with the following statements?

Fireworks are a good way to celebrate occasions

Strongly disagree : 942

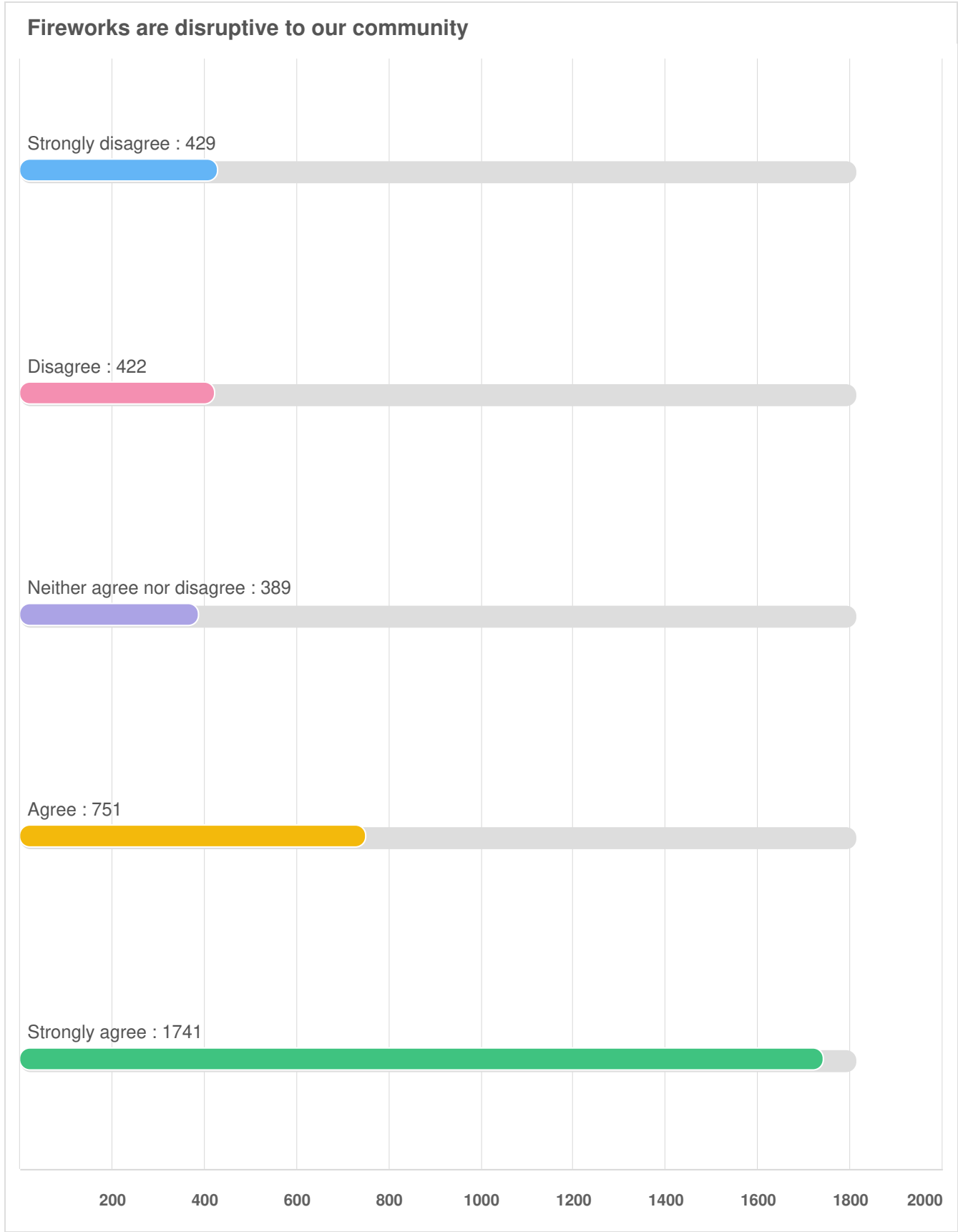
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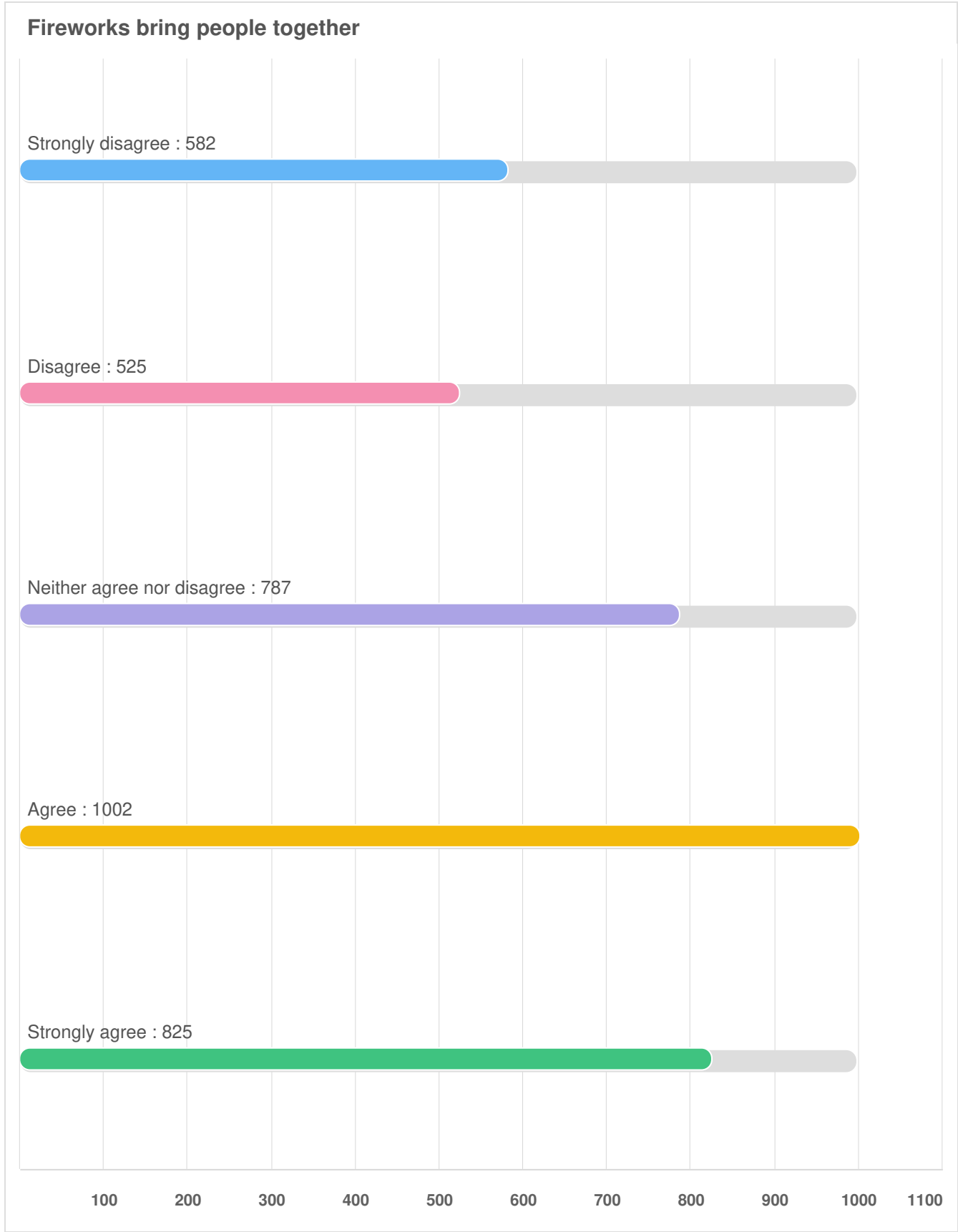
Neither agree nor disagree : 601

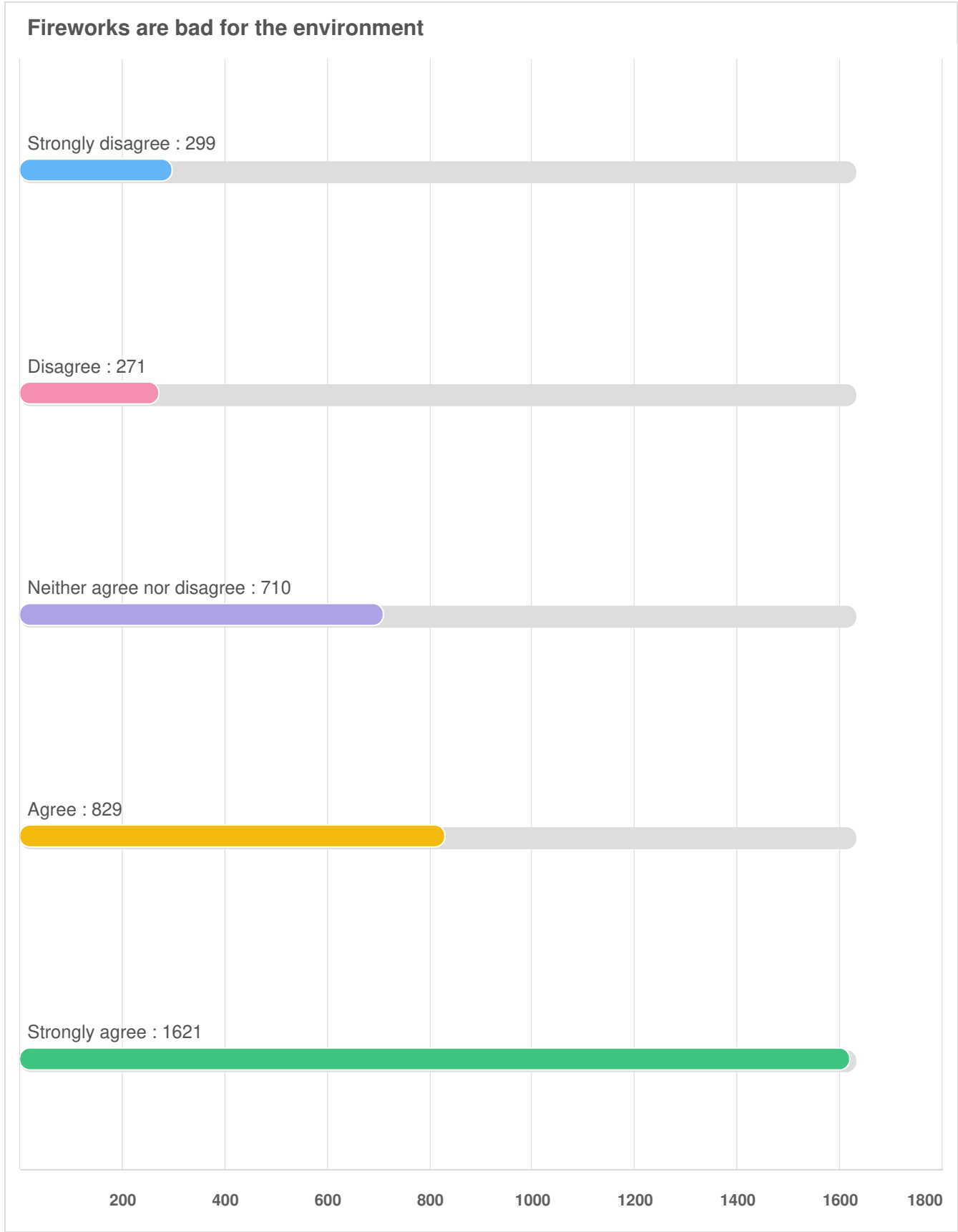
Agree : 808

Strongly agree : 687

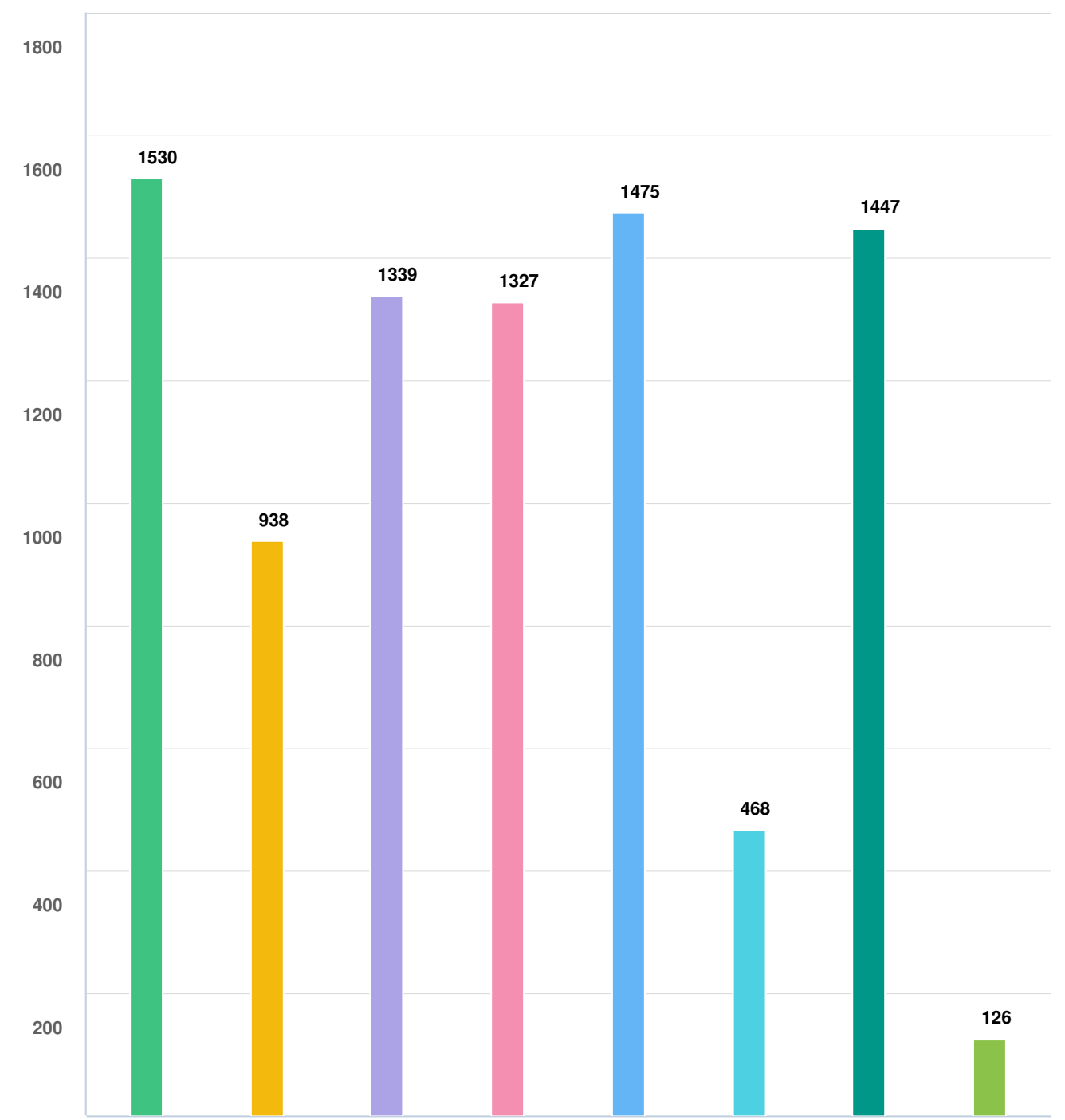
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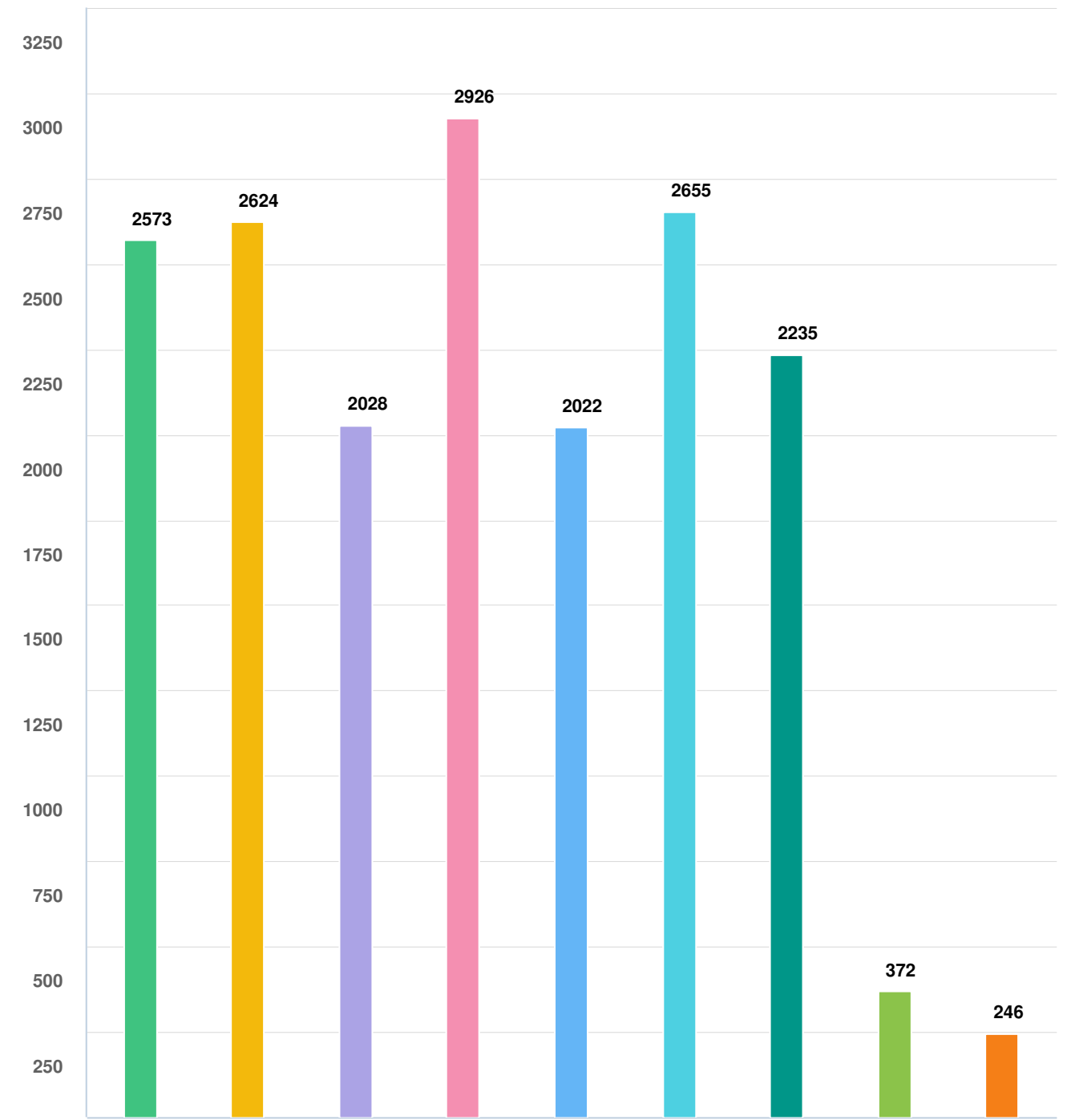
Q8 In your opinion, how do fireworks benefit our community, if at all?



- Question options**
- Other (please describe)
 - No benefit
 - Benefits local economy
 - Makes people happy
 - Fireworks are a tradition
 - Brings the community together
 - Cultural or religious significance
 - Good for celebrating important occasions

Optional question (3719 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

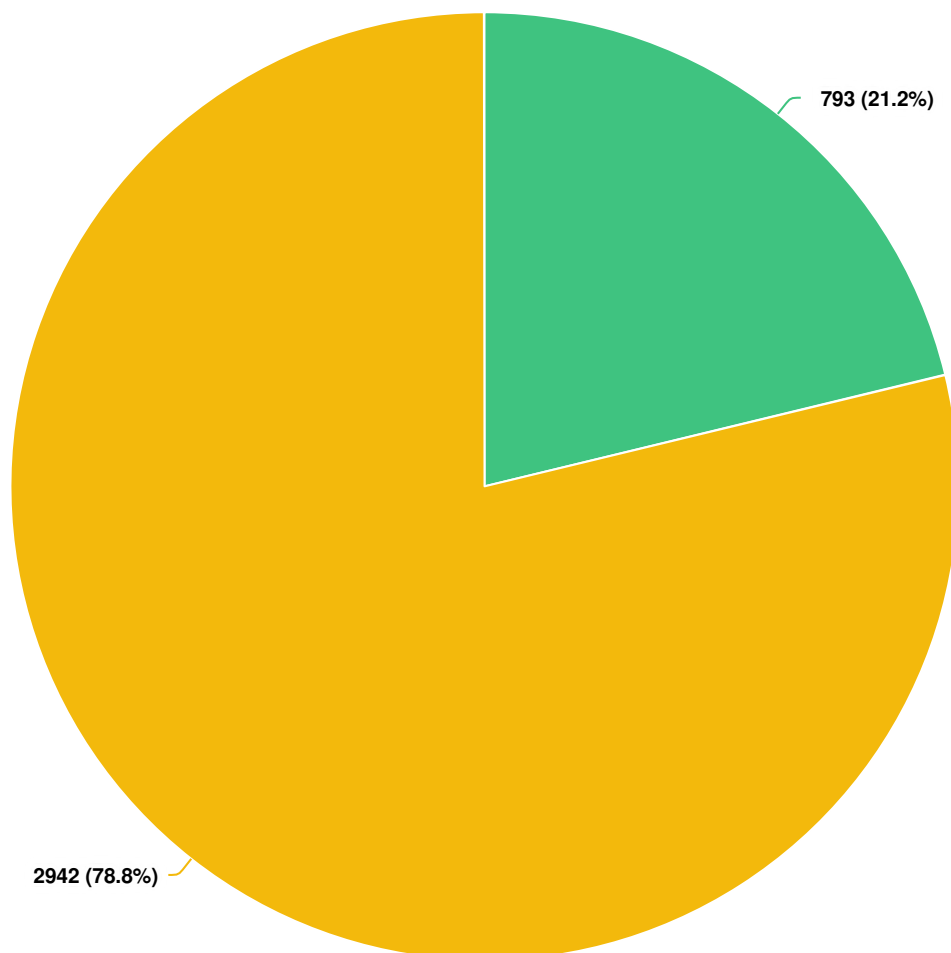
Q9 What concerns do you have about the use of fireworks, if any? (check all that apply)



- Question options**
- Other (please describe)
 - No concerns
 - Distress to persons with anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
 - Distress to animals (examples: pets, livestock, wildlife)
 - Effect on environment (example: air or water pollution)
 - Misuse of fireworks for public nuisance
 - Risk of injury or death
 - Risk of fire or property damage
 - Increased noise

Optional question (3734 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Have you ever made a complaint to your city or township about fireworks?

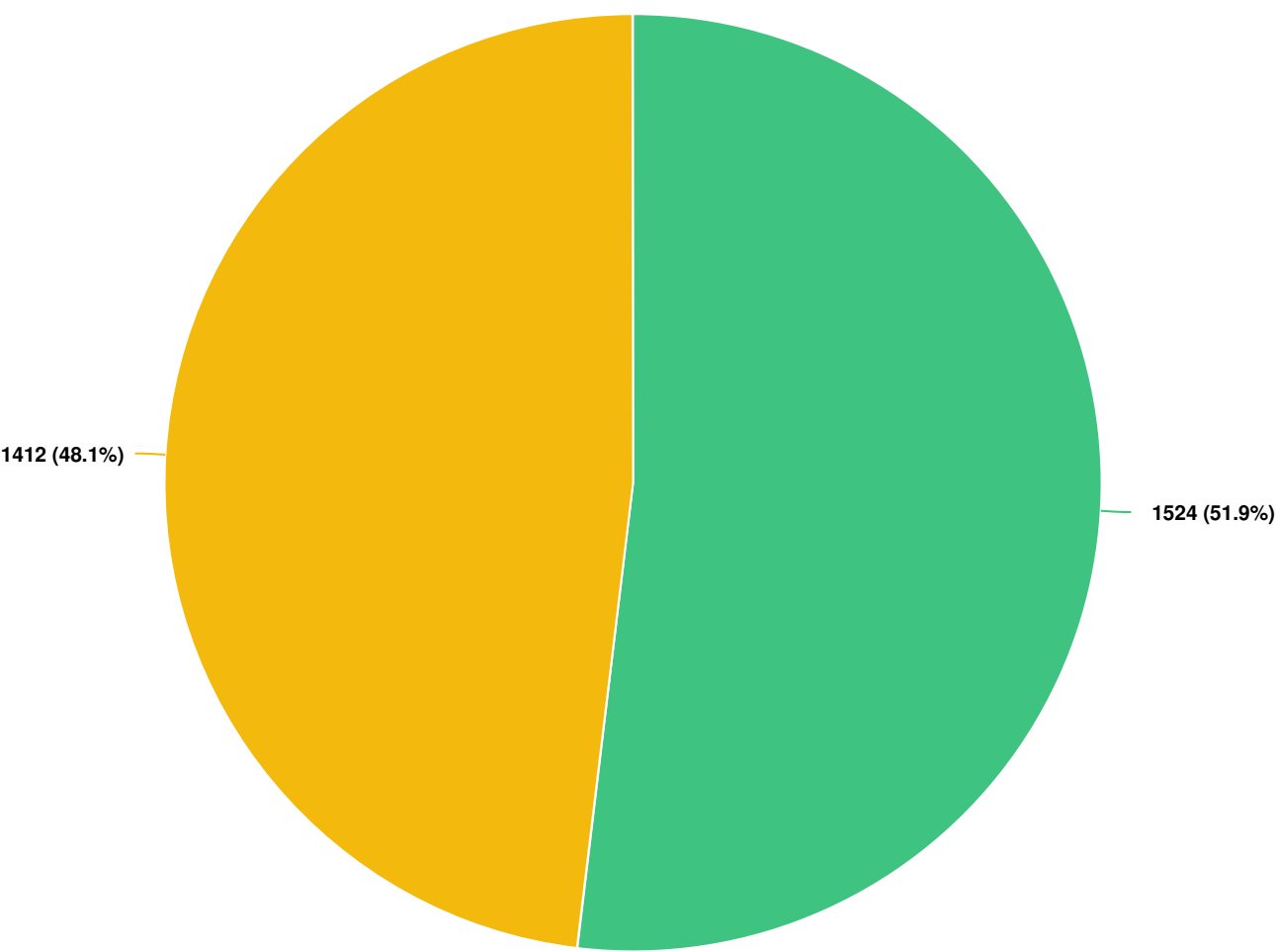


Question options

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (3735 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q11 Have you ever considered making a complaint about fireworks, but decided not to?

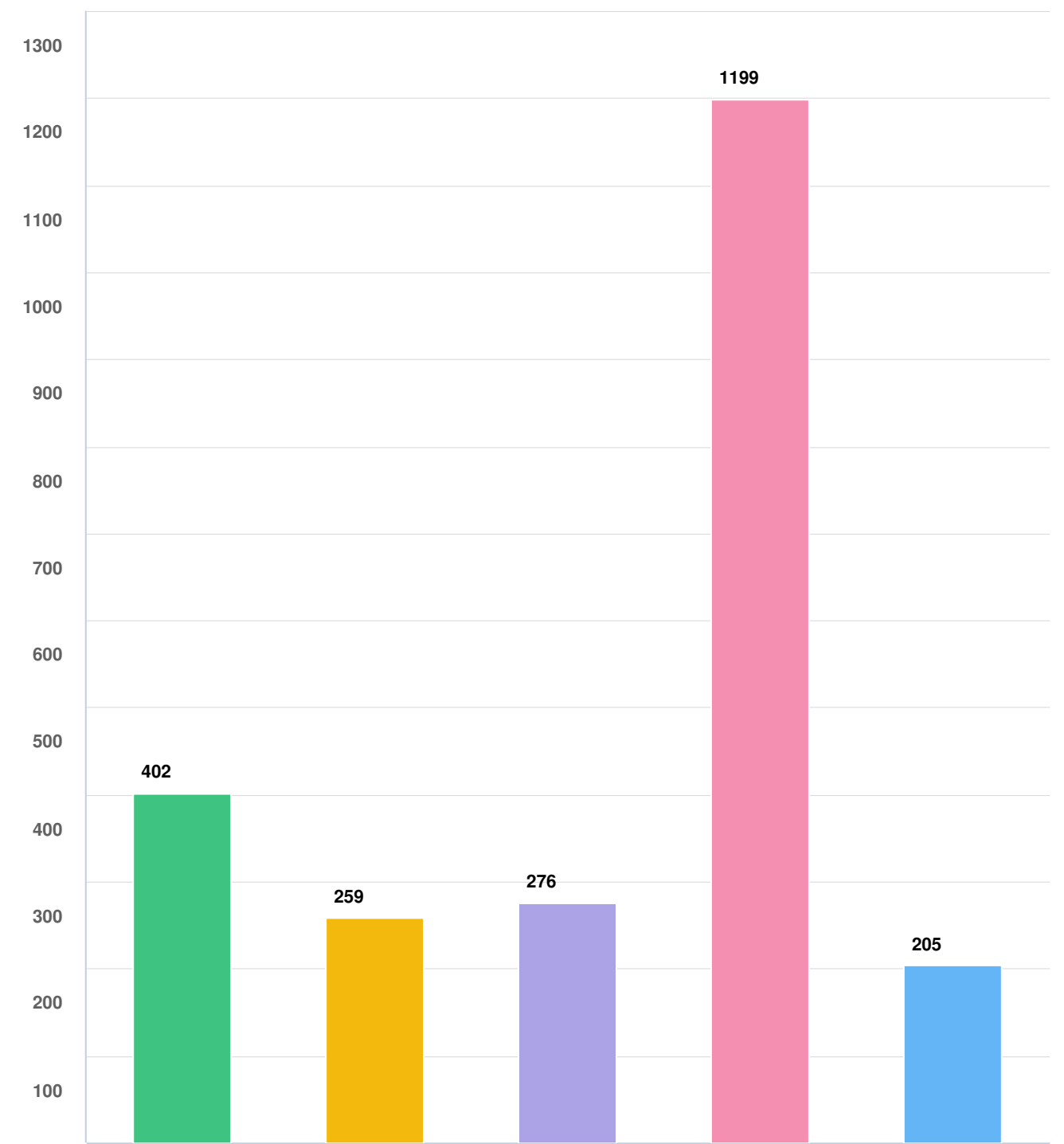


Question options

No Yes

Optional question (2936 response(s), 803 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

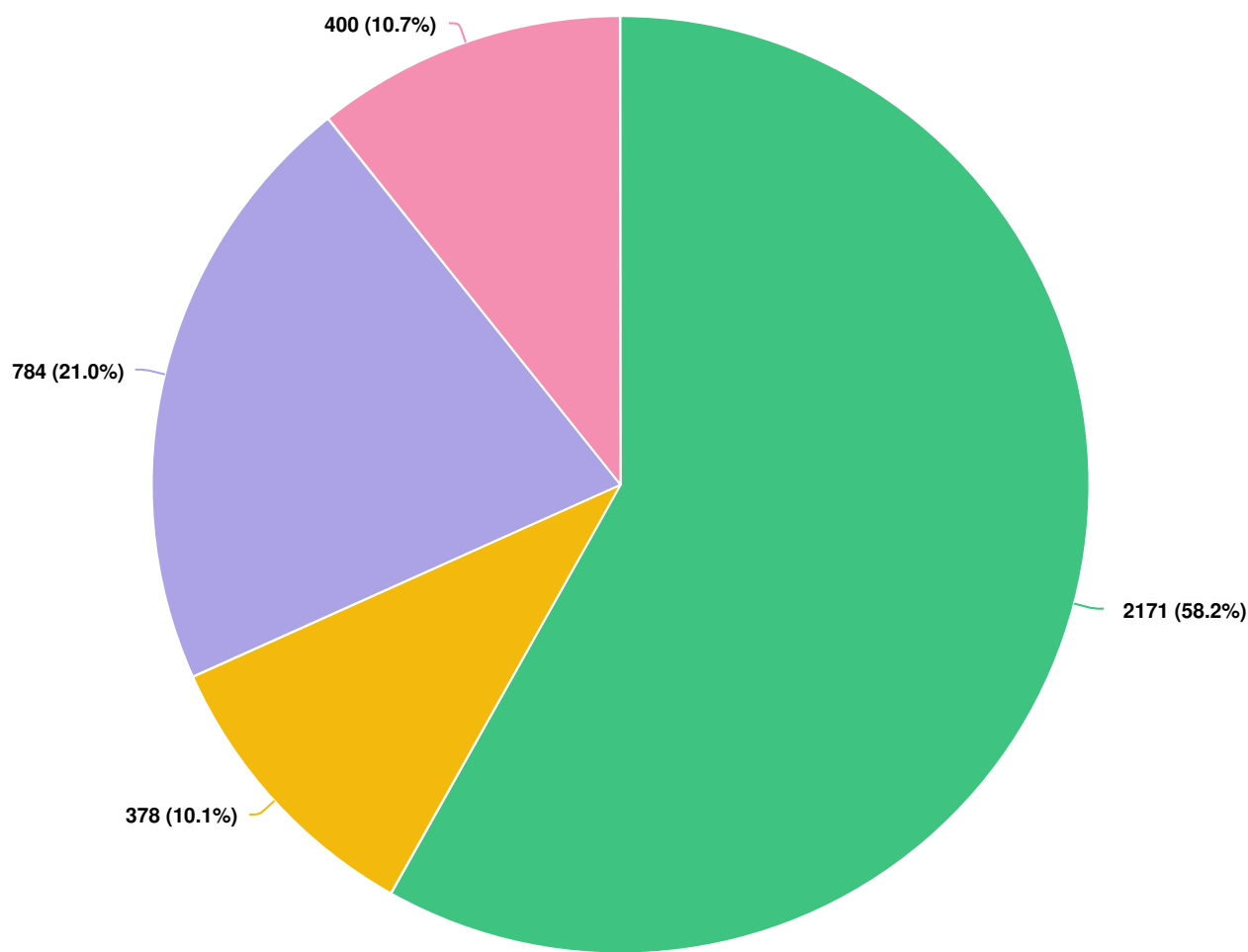
Q12 Please tell us why you decided not to make a complaint (check all that apply)



- Question options**
- Other (please describe)
 - Believed a complaint would do nothing
 - Would upset my neighbours if I complained
 - Not sure what the fireworks rules are
 - Not sure how to make a complaint

Optional question (1524 response(s), 2215 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 | In your opinion, is the amount of regulation for fireworks in your community:

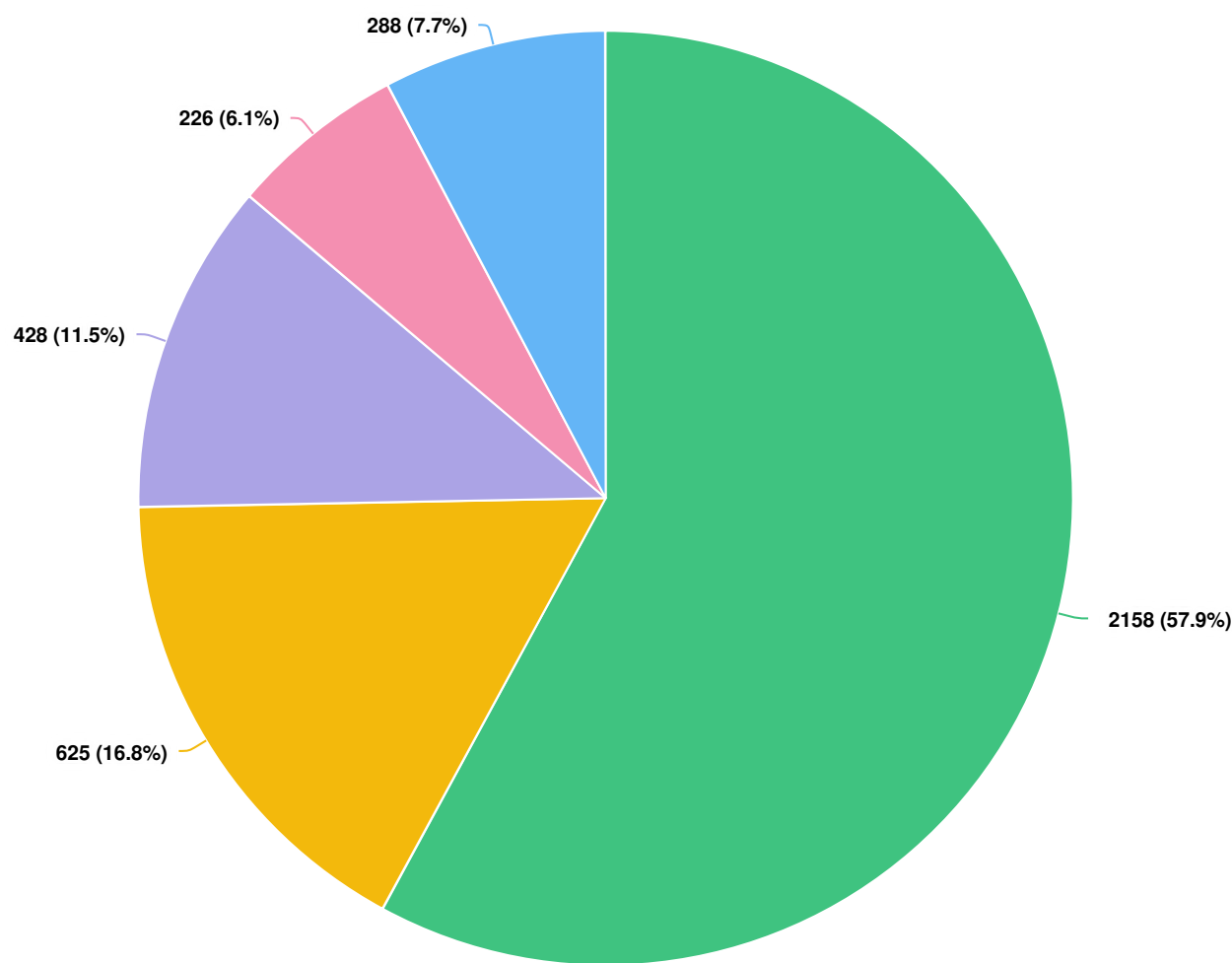


Question options

Do not know About right Too much Too little

Optional question (3733 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q14 | How much would you support adding new regulations to improve fireworks safety in your community?



Question options

Strongly oppose Oppose Neither support nor oppose Support Strongly support

Optional question (3725 response(s), 14 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

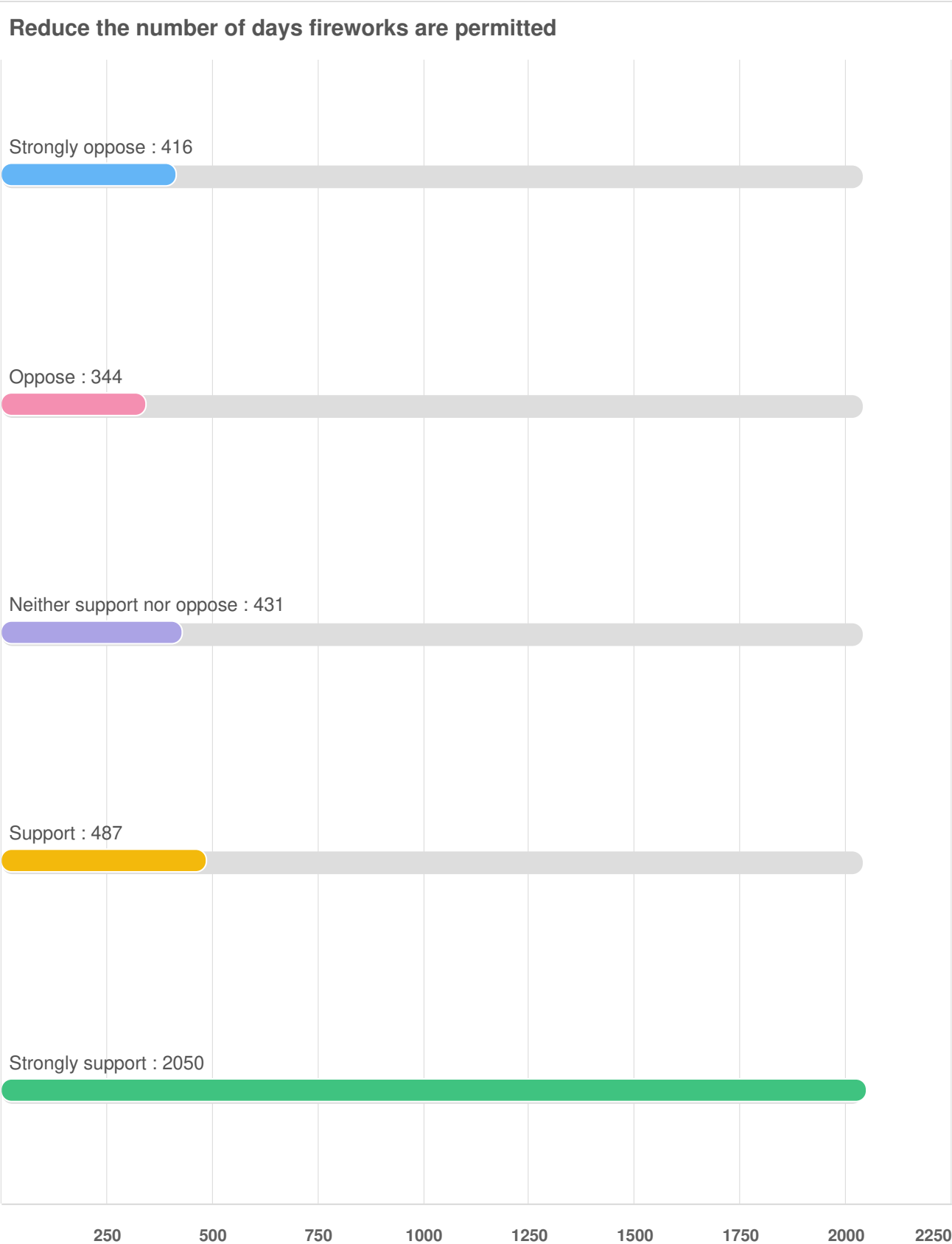
Q15 | How much would you support adding the following regulations to improve fireworks safety?



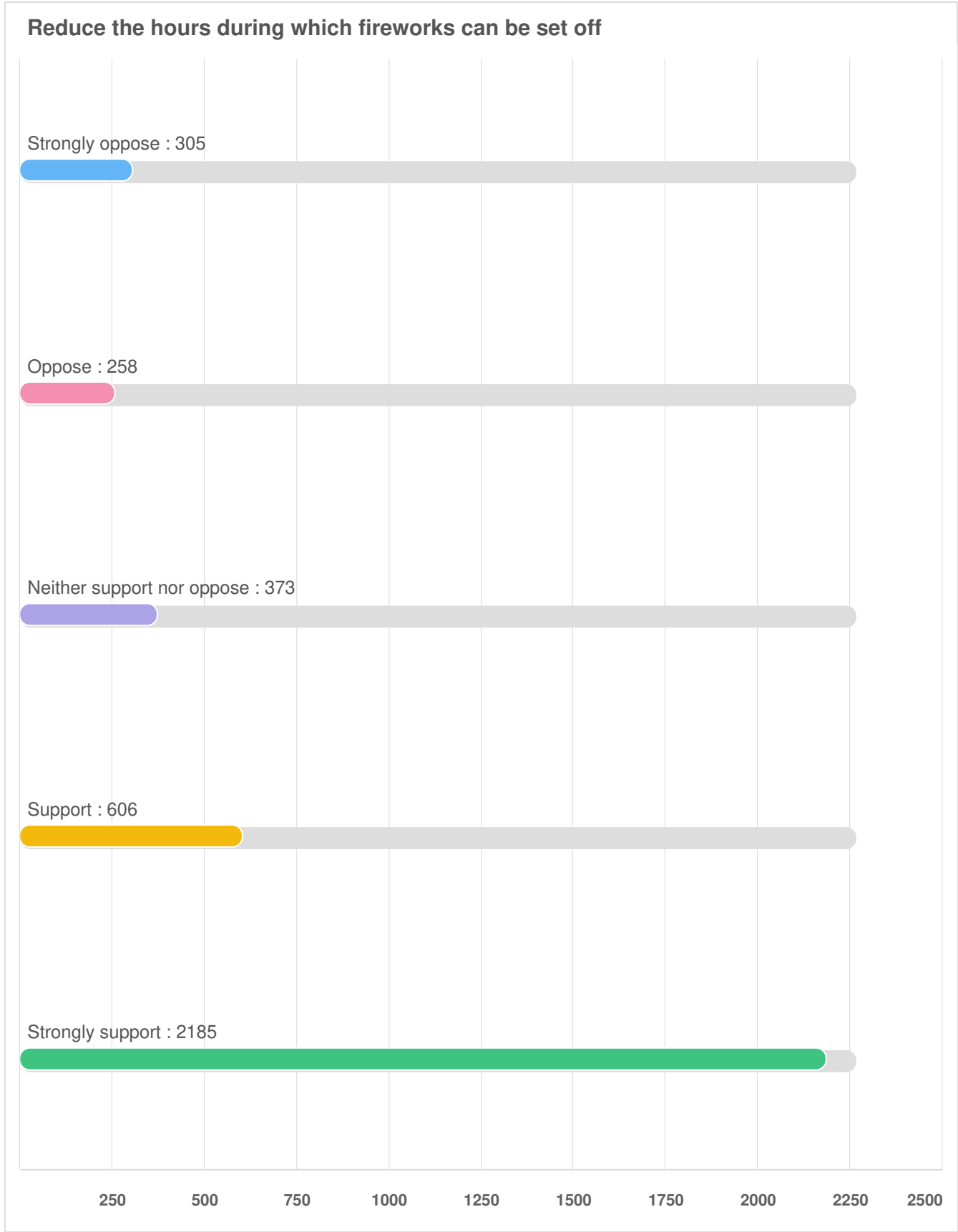
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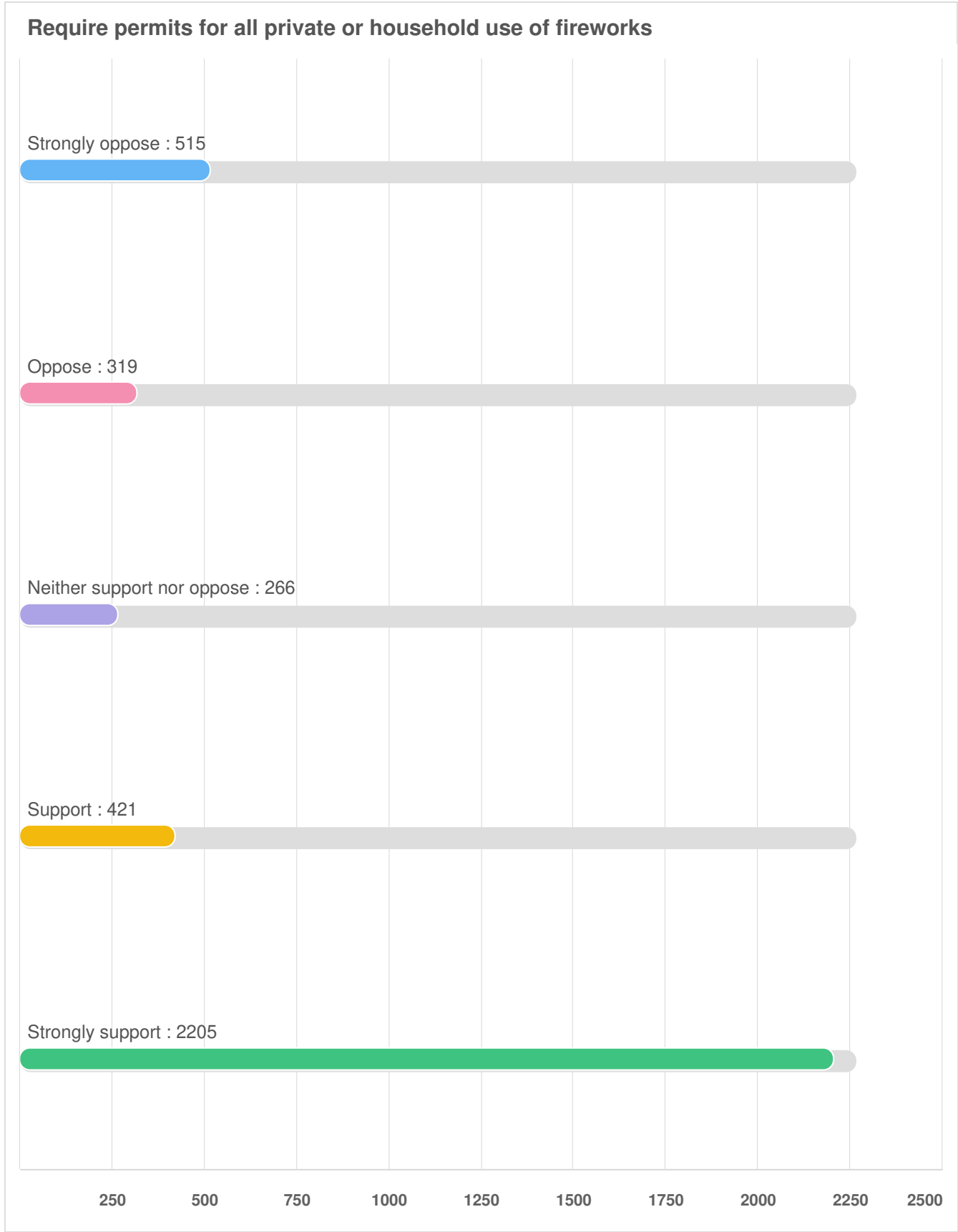
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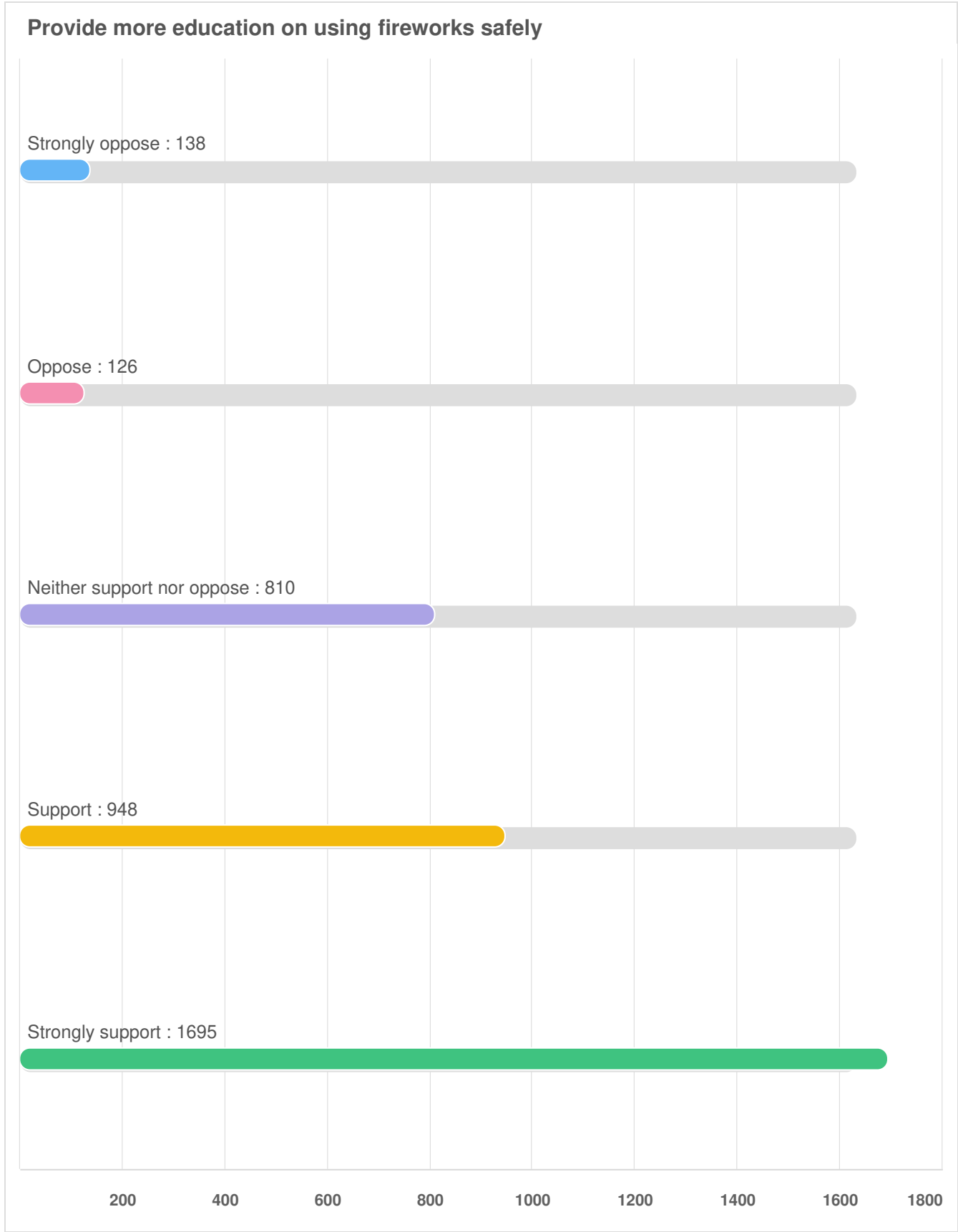
Q15 | How much would you support adding the following regulations to improve fireworks safety?

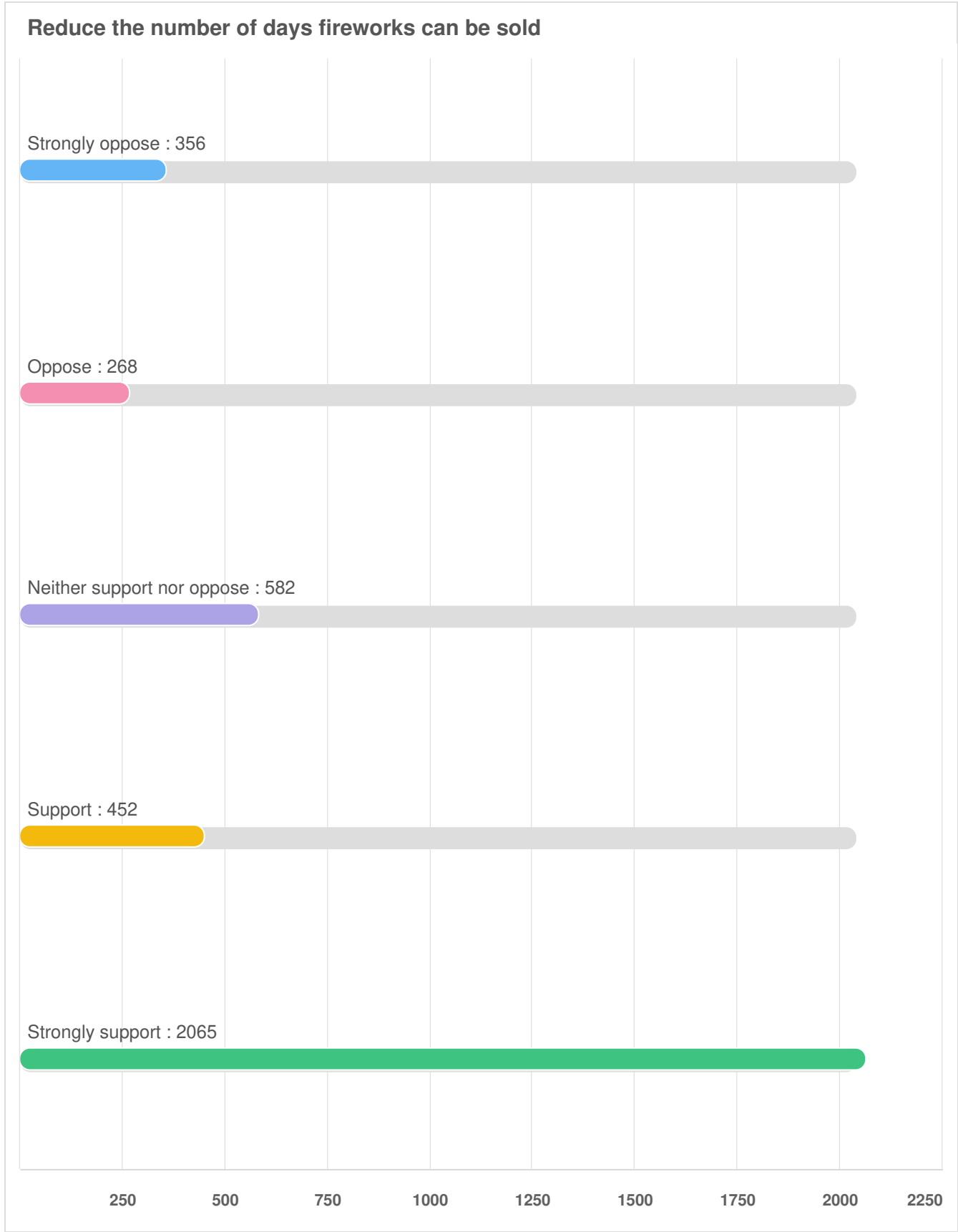


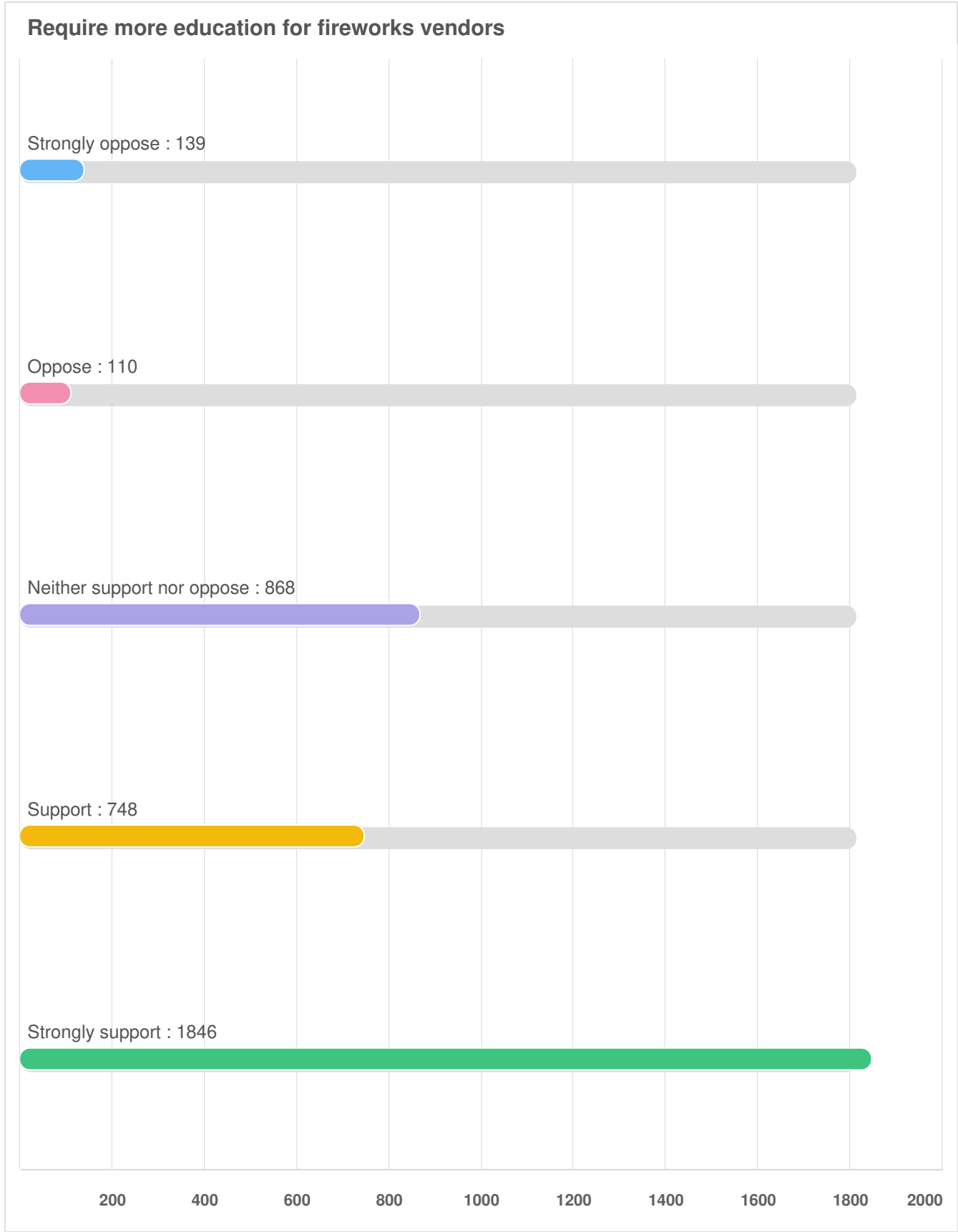
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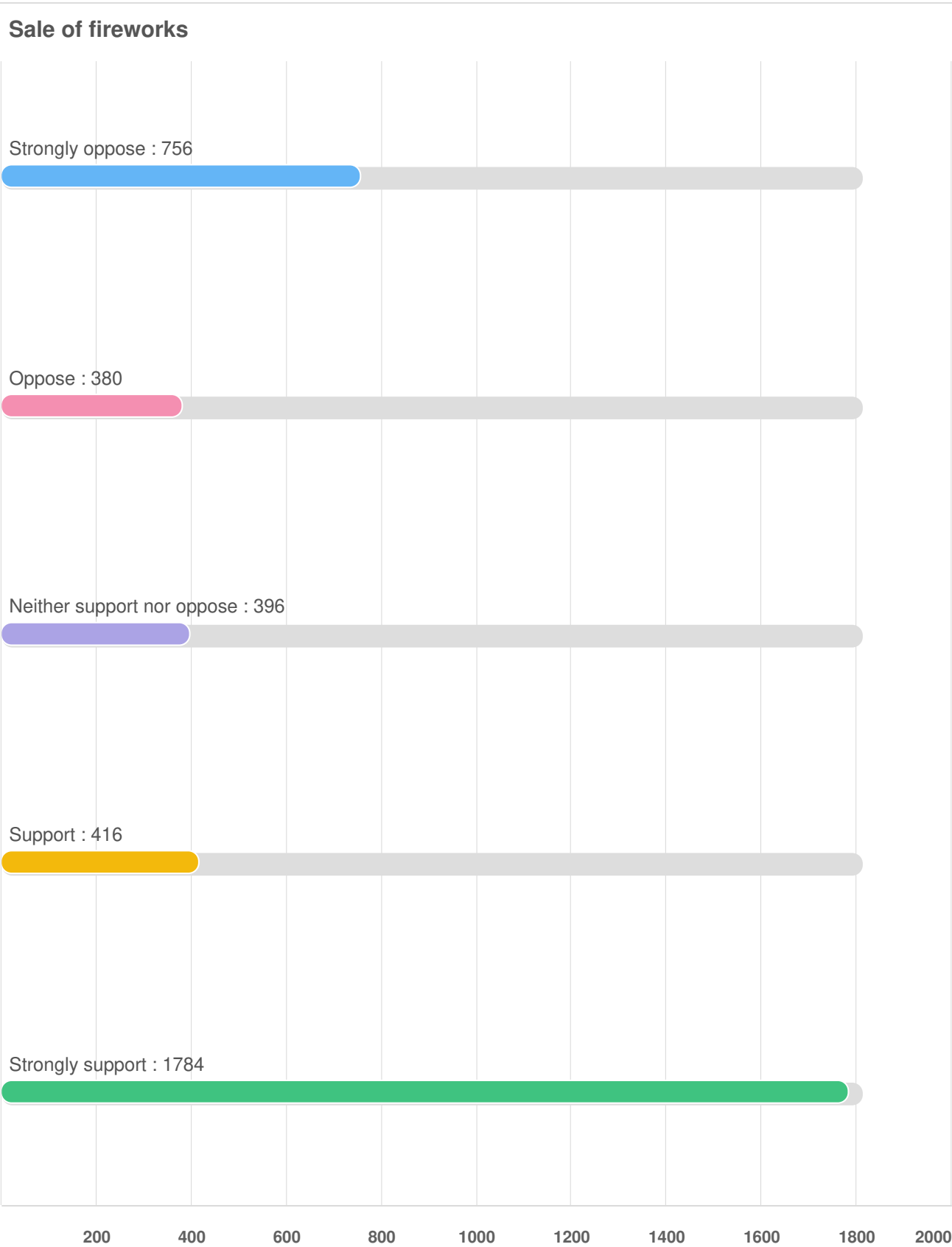


Q16 | How much would you support a complete ban on the following to improve fireworks safety?

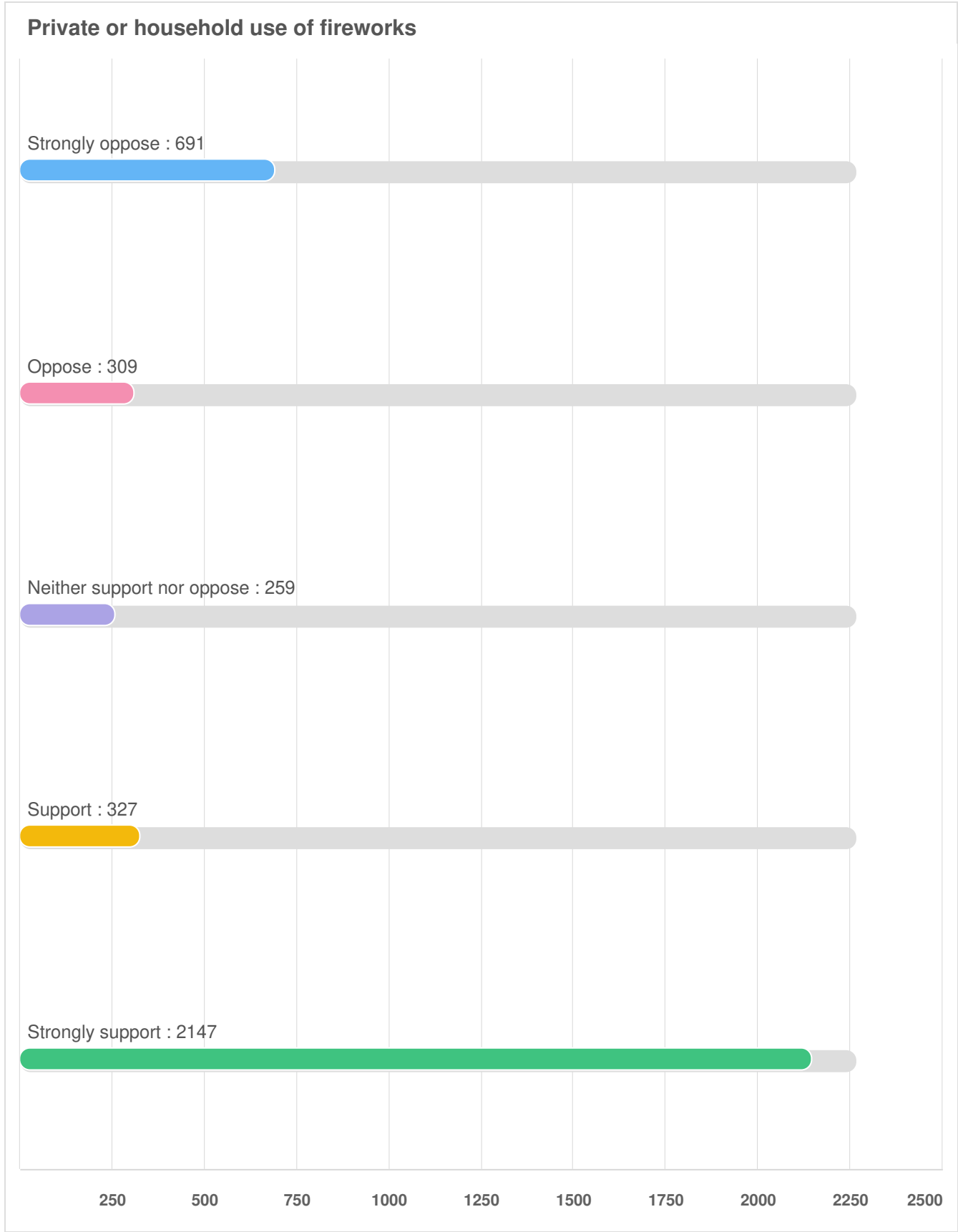


Optional question (3738 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q16 | How much would you support a complete ban on the following to improve fireworks safety?



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Q17 Please use the following space to add any comments about your responses above.

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1/27/2025 01:48 PM

If there are current regulations they are not being enforced. Having a new law without enforcement is pointless. Specifically an issue around Diwali

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Enforcement seems to be a critical challenge as the current bylaws on hours and days permissible do not seem to be enforced. Enforcement statistics are not readily publicized. How many fireworks related tickets are given out over key holiday periods? Are there any?

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Private use and sale of fireworks should be halted.

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I'm supportive of a complete ban of large, loud private firework displays but would want to see smaller, quieter products like sparklers continue to be sold to the public with less restrictions.

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I wish the UW fireworks display would be brought back. If we had a really good community get-together location for a great fireworks display, maybe less people would do household fireworks. This would be safer and would disrupt less of the community / dogs etc., if the fireworks were just in one location. Environmental concerns are not a huge factor IMO if it's a big display for lots to enjoy, a few times a year. I imagine the environment is much worse off with other types of events that require lots of patrons to drive far distances to events (sports games in other cities and other events).

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I would also support a ban on public fireworks too. We don't have to hurt the environment, distress and orphan animals (I'm not even a vegan :P) and risk safety to have a good time together.

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It's not racism to expect everyone to follow the same rules and regulations - that keeps it fair and equitable for all. Not showing up for complaints and not fining one particular ethnic group shows we have a two tiered by-law system. Start by substantially increasing fines for setting off fireworks when not permitted - any by substantially, I mean start at \$10,000 per person in attendance.. Double the fines each and every time it happens - twice in a hour, twice in one night, twice a week, doesn't matter. Double it each at every time. Have bylaw and the police start driving through the neighbourhoods who traditionally

have had noise complaints around particular holidays for setting off fireworks between midnight and 6 am. . It's not profiling, it's keeping a neighbourhood peaceful and safe, not to mention law abiding.

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I live not far from the university of Waterloo (Beechwood area) My frustration is that fireworks happen at all hours of night. Almost all days where fireworks are allowed I am woken up at 2 am to fireworks going off. How do you call that in or report that? I would strongly encourage drone shows or other displays that are less disruptive and better for the environment.

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Given the precarious climate situation, fireworks just invite disasters on a larger level in addition to polluting the air, the immediate surroundings (people don't clean up after themselves) and the effects all that additional pollution has on all of us.

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I need to celebrate and lit the fireworks on Diwali Evenings. This is my ritual and will need to fire the crackers as per my tradition.

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No control over hours of use. Have had fireworks go off at 2am in my neighborhood.

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I am not opposed to community events where trained individuals are setting off fireworks, but I am EXTREMELY opposed to private use. I think it's terribly unsafe! And it can cause SO much distress for pets, children and others. I'm always afraid my dog will run away if I let her out while fireworks are happening, because she's so scared of them.

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I think the regulations are sufficient, but the enforcement of them are insufficient.

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People don't follow the current hours and days for fireworks so I do not believe they would follow even more restrictive days or hours. I strongly support banning or harshly regulating the sale of private fireworks.

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I think it's very user dependent and regulating has pros and cons. I personally see no need for fireworks, but there could still be public fireworks for those that like them

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I think that cultural and religious holidays should be allowed to be celebrated with fireworks (even if this occasionally disrupts dogs and some people). I generally prefer public ones over private ones because of safety and it allows us to share in the experience as a community. That said, I would also be in favour of neighbourhood fireworks.

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Victoria Park fireworks go off in this park at night whenever wherever by whoever! I live across the street I have a dog. I also have a life.

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I think a ban on household use of fireworks would be helpful due to the noise/nuisance and risk of injury. A public setting such as a park where many people can gather would be a better alternative.

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I would support banning private/household use of fireworks. I don't think a lot of people take them very seriously when they're being set off as I've seen fireworks set off in small backyards, close to neighbouring houses and mature trees and I certainly don't think wind direction is being taken into consideration. The risk doesn't seem worth it.

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During the dewali. From my balcony I witnessed a lot of recklessness fire works use, letting them off under a bridge, launching them off a balcony, and letting them off for 3 days around there date, and late on the night

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No need for private fireworks displays.

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No additional comments. Thank you

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I think those who are the worst for noise and not following the rules would ignore any rules and have fireworks anyway. More bylaw enforcement might be an answer, with fines covering cost of employment.

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Drone shows are an excellent option.

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I would love to see a complete ban on private fireworks in KW. The majority of those who use them cannot be trusted to abide by regulations governing days or times of use and by-law is not staffed well enough to respond properly.

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Don't remove firework celebrations for the preference of some. I recognize some animals and people can have negative effects but that doesn't mean a complete ban is rationale.

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Fireworks have far more negative impacts than positive. The city should recognize this and take the responsibility to protect vulnerable groups in our community by not allowing fireworks to be set off at private households within neighbourhoods.

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Private fireworks should not be allowed. People do not care for other people's privacy. At diwali a saw a guy throwing all kind of fireworks in his front yard with all the cars. Furthermore, the fireworks with little noise are okay, but those bomb type fireworks with a lot of noise should be completely banned. No one should be allowed to take religious cover.

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Animals and people with PTSD are often "invisible", but the toll on us when people set off fireworks for days in a row, is brutal. We have no way to prepare, and no idea who is setting off the fireworks to complain.

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I'm all for using fireworks to celebrate important occasions, but it should be controlled by the city. Our community has proven that it cannot operate fireworks safely and respectfully.

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I'm a Canadian Armed Forces member that deals with explosives. I find it amusing that as a soldier I have to go through years of training on how to handle, use and store explosives but that any city allows a large trailer full of fireworks to be parked at a given parking lot for selling to the general public. We are a catastrophic occurrence away from being shamed into forcing a legislation that bans the use of Fireworks. Be progressive and end this madness

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No matter how many regulations, short of a complete ban, there would still be some that will break them without consideration to others. People will still go to public parts and create noise with

fireworks and leave their mess there. Time for a total ban of sales and use in kitchener/waterloo region.

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Watching the fireworks is amazing for celebrations like Canada Day. In the state of Canada is in right now. It is very important for people to gather and support our country. The reason I have not attended fireworks is because it has been hosted downtown Kitchener in a small congestive area with people smoking. I don't like secondhand cigarette smoke.

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To date attempts to limit the number of days, hours, and circumstances when fireworks can be used has made little impact. Living near student areas and Waterloo Park there are always fireworks being set off on the days around holidays and outside of the "allowed" hours. There's also plenty of mess left, especially in the park. Even when public fireworks were held in the park there was a lot of mess left in the lake and on the boardwalk, and on at least one occasion resulting in dead wildlife and a blackout. Additionally, every time there are fireworks it's extremely stressful for pets and those with anxiety or PTSD. Switching to drone shows or other options is one way to show kindness, and frankly, they're more interesting. However, even with a ban, the only way for it to actually catalyze change is real enforcement, which there hasn't really been to date. By the time someone calls in a complaint and officers get there, the perpetrators are long gone.

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Maybe there needs to be designated spots in neighborhoods or surrounding areas where people can set fireworks off. Might stop a lot of backyard or street fireworks

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Please just ban them.

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The people that all of a sudden celebrate Diwali with fire works are dangerous. Culturally they may have done this back home in a different country, but they drive around and cause havoc with the way they celebrate shooting these fireworks at each other. It was fine until they ruined it the past 5 or 10 years with their lack of common knowledge of fire works use. Fire works were safe until they made it unsafe with their actions.

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I oppose a permit for the individual sale of fireworks because I absolutely oppose the private sell of fireworks. If it has to be, please

let it be done by the city, for an extremely limited time. It causes so much distress to animals and humans and is an environmental disaster. Please ban the individual sale of fireworks. Our city currently has absolutely minimal regulation around fireworks and despite calling regulation officers, there has been close to no action on stopping the use of fireworks after hours.

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People are already setting off fireworks outside of the permitted windows, and in crowded downtown locations. I have trouble seeing adding more time/day-related restrictions being effective especially since there are fireworks available for sale all year round. I would support a complete ban of private fireworks outside of some public displays at key times of year (though honestly, I wouldn't have any sadness about losing those either, or making them drone displays). I remember how especially frustrating fireworks were when our kids were babies. We hardly got any sleep at all to begin with, and then the fireworks would start and wake up the kids, it felt like torture during those moments, and then you didn't know when they would randomly start in the middle. Of the night again because people have no respect. Babies don't understand fireworks. Animals don't understand them, they're terrified. Surely we can evolve past this by now.

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The problem is the lack of enforcement as I hear fireworks on days that are not allowed, and also after the allowed hours. There doesn't seem to be any consequence and I worry about the potential risk to property and community.

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I think in dense City settings, private fireworks can be a hazard, but I would enjoy more public firework shows managed by professionals so that they can still be safely enjoyed.

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harsher punishments (or any) for people who set off fireworks outside of delegated days. We shouldn't sell fireworks in Ontario.

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Whether fireworks are public or private, they are traumatic to wildlife pets and people with post-traumatic stress disorder. I believe they should be banned entirely. There are better, less dangerous ways to celebrate.

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In Waterloo, private citizens can only set off fireworks in their own yards. Where I live (Eastbridge) the yards are very small. When my

neighbour sets off fireworks they are literally detonating 5-6 feet from my house. This makes no sense. I'm not allowed to have a controlled backyard fire in a dedicated firepit but my neighbour can launch unpredictable incendiary devices within feet of houses and other flammable structures (sheds, trees, decks, etc.). I would definitely support any bylaw that restricts or eliminates private firework displays.

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Fireworks are hardly ever used and the type of fireworks available in Canada is limited in comparison to Europe, where some countries are dealing with major issues on new years eve and before because of it. I don't think there is an issue at all here with fireworks. I have noticed that the use of fireworks privately isn't always safe here in Canada and believe more education for the public is needed

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Fireworks cause great stress to our home, our dog is terrified and barks, paces and pants excessively. We do our best to calm her. it is especially difficult when individuals light fireworks after midnight and wake us and the dog up. Also, people do not adhere to the current rules around days of use and time of use. Cannot rely on people to follow the rules. There is no point in calling law enforcement as they are too busy, and we cannot be expected to police the neighbourhood and know where the fireworks are all coming from. Sometimes its kids in the forest or just inconsiderate adults. It would be better to switch to light shows instead of fireworks would be better for animal and people with PTSD and other health concerns. there is no benefit to loud fireworks.

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Only allow sale to licenced and trainer fire depts for public events.

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For me it's about the environment and the animals. It's unnecessary when there are other light shows and ways celebrations could happen. Drone shows are fantastic, light shows to music on buildings. The technology is right here. Just stop stressing out animals and messing with climate and pollution. It's such a no-brainer to me that I'm baffled why people are so slow to get it. Is it about money?

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Should be used to celebrate recognized Canadian and aboriginal holidays, not things like Diwali. Need consistency across the region, cities, and townships. I live on the border with one township that has less restrictions and one fellow on the township side likes to have fireworks at his parties without notice to the public. There seems to be zero enforcement. Can't get a hold of bylaw after hours and the police

don't want the calls.

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Fireworks should be permitted on TRADITIONAL CANADIAN holidays as has been the case throughout my lifetime. Allowing fireworks for every other culture on the planet in Canada is ridiculous. If you move to Canada you should be CANADIAN and observe Canadian traditional firework holidays. I disagree with Trudeaus implication of Canada being a "mosaic" rather than a melting pot. That is NOT how 3rd and 4th generation Canadians see this. Fireworks are stressful for dogs most of the time. Having MORE days of fireworks is not acceptable. We have enough.

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Given the lack of concern for even the existing bylaws, the strain it puts on the bylaw officers, the divisiveness it creates within the community, not to mention the safety issues , the mental harm it causes community members, their pets as well as our local wildlife it is absolutely time to completely ban any private use of fireworks and only allow licenced public displays on very special occasions and only for 30 to 60 minutes max before 11pm.

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Problem is abuse of fireworks in areas bordering Waterloo city limits. Hours and tremendous loadout and continuous private shows this year in the northeastern end

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Current laws are not being followed now for private use. Many time a years people are setting of fireworks after midnight and further selling restrictions and bans could improve this problem

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If you are concerned about fireworks disturbing pets, livestock PTSD etc. then the City/Region had better start figuring out a way to ban thunderstorms.

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I think that if there are to be fireworks allowed they should only be allowed to be put on as a public display, not by private individuals or households. I think with the progression being made with drone shows we can get the same or similar viewing pleasure without the impact to the environment, the trauma to individuals with affectation to loud noises, example individuals on the spectrum, and the trauma to animals that fireworks cause and impact. The bylaws in place are disregarded by individuals and we do not have enough enforcement to make any changes, as well as the costs involved trying to enforce the bylaws. Over the past few years there have been a number of

dangerous incidents involving fireworks and individuals using them in essence like weapons. This concerns me greatly as a citizen and community member. Changes do need to be made in my opinion.

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By laws are never followed and poorly upheld. There are always people setting off fireworks on days and during hours already not allowed. If we must have fireworks, there should only be ONE night or a public display which ensures controls are monitored. All private firework sales should be banned.

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There is nothing beneficial in fireworks. They are noisy, they are an irritant for animals and people alike, they create garbage and in many residential cases damage. The lack or respect for the current allowances (date, time and location restrictions) is so out of hand, the only reasonable solution is a complete ban. The ROI is simply not there.

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1/27/2025 02:00 PM

Fireworks should be TOTALLY banned and the ban strictly ENFORCED.

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Fireworks bring communities together to celebrate events. We should be tolerant of others instead of complaining.

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We have come far enough as a society to not require explosions to celebrate events. Let's encourage folks to celebrate in other ways that are less detrimental to local animals and citizens.

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setting off in a large field is far safer than in a tiny suburban back yard or sidewalk. yet all the large fields at schools, parks, etc are not permitted for use, which forces folks to light them at their residence. open up some big locations where folks are permitted to use fireworks -- and they will go there. safe ingnition sites haha

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Private fireworks should require a permit with fine for leaving messes behind and not obeying rules

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There is a need to cancel this type of event especially in residential areas.

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Fireworks used to be used alot more responsibly 10 years ago. Now I have seen people set them off on driveways, streets, at 3am and in when used at a public park people often don't clean them up..... Bylaw is useless when called, because all they do is "educate". Time for large fines on first offense, send a message

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I live beside a park a detest fireworks. They rules aren't followed and there is no enforcement. They go off well past the allowed hours. If you put any new rules in place, put bylaw officers out proactively at parks to actually enforce the rules. Without enforcement, there is no use having rules. If people followed the rules, I'd be OK with them, but they always go over the hours allowed and beyond the days allowed. There is always massive amounts of litter left in the park from the fireworks.

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The detrimental effect on all kinds of animals -- pets; wildlife such as squirrels, deer, raccoons, rabbits, birds; farm animals is not acceptable.

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There is very little sense in creating new rules and bylaws if the new measures are not enforced. Every city knows that the current rules are not being followed but do relatively nothing to enforce unless there is a complaint. Meaning you are creating complaint based rules and bylaws. That makes no sense. The cities know when the abuse will occur but refuse to put bodies out in the public to enforce. It's not like fireworks are covert. Pretty easy to find where the offense is happening. During certain times of the year the noise at night goes in for days. Sometimes a week. And it's no secret when these times of year occur.

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Why are you trying to regulate every little thing in peoples lives?

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this issue has been rehashed often enough...we need to quit this archaic damaging institution pets, wildlife have all been through enough and we don't need them anymore

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I disagree with the use of private fireworks as they're often set off by people who are ignorant of safety, and frequently have been drinking. There's the risk of fire, of injury, and of mental distress to people and animals. The number of days they're permitted isn't an issue to me (in fact, I find it rather odd that they're not allowed at New Year's, which honestly is probably a safer time for them than Canada Day). But I

think there should be greater restrictions on private individuals being allowed to purchase and set off fireworks.

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What is the response time for complaints for fireworks close to homes or during quiet time 11pm to 7am? Who do we call? Bylaw or police? Does the call make a difference? Is the complainant's name revealed?

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Take strong actions on who disobeys the rule and stop sell of risky fireworks

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Fireworks suck. They're dumb. This isn't Toronto or the Calgary Stampede, it's Waterloo. My kids are young and we've had countless nights being woken up by private fireworks being set off, and for what? If it was a thing and everyone did it, that's one thing. But all we hear is just personal ones in the neighborhood going off at times when many have gone to bed.

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The current rules would be ok if enforcement was better - i.e. people stick to the allowed days and hours

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Strongly agree towards a ban of private use fireworks as they are never used properly and can cause serious property damage. They are always reported and then the amount of bylaw officers available is never enough. I have even called 911 because of fireworks being let off inside a garage and they could not respond for two hours!!!
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If private fireworks sales are permitted, all vendors should be highly regulated, and anyone using fireworks for private events should be absolutely liable for any and all damage caused as a result of such use.

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It is a sad comment to want to ban something that used to be done simply, less often, responsibly, and with care for others, but it seems those criteria are largely ignored. Only public(controlled displays) should be allowed, and NOT at all in fire prone areas.

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Support the use of drones instead of fireworks.

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Using modern technology such as cameras, drones and other common tools such as eyes and ears, it should be very easy to find and fine people using fireworks irresponsibly. The lack of enforcement is not a matter of fireworks, but a behaviour issue that can be enforced.

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This survey did not mention how fireworks are set off in PUBLIC areas by private groups. For example, people setting off fireworks in Victoria Park. The issue isn't just safety of people setting off fireworks in the privacy of their backyards, the sale of fireworks is allowing people to set them off in places where they can (and have) hurt people beyond themselves. They are a nuisance and need to be completely banned.

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As a person living with PTSD, fireworks are extremely triggering and prevent me from sleeping on nights that there are fireworks. The neighborhood fireworks are the worst.

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Please be EXTREMELY cautious with new regulations. Our culture is evolving and with those changes come circumstances with which the common practices of the past are no longer so common. Couple this with a gross imbalance of power between those in position to make changes and those who would be affected by these changes, since the groups responsible for the cultural changes are under-represented on council, and this becomes a potentially explosive situation. This seemingly innocuous change in fireworks regulation has numerous red flags for systemic racism that must be discussed and are glaringly obvious in their absence from this survey, which only serves to increase my level of concern. A lawsuit would not be an unexpected ramification to changes which will almost certainly have a disproportionately larger impact on one culture at the expense of another, primarily affecting a group of people who clearly belong to a visible minority. Caution is warranted. Has input from various cultural groups, in particular those who traditionally use fireworks to celebrate their various cultural and religious traditions, been requested?

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Don't you guys have better things to do than worry about fireworks???

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I understand that fireworks can be a nuisance to some, but in general, they're harmless and the use of them is already well regulated. If

someone is using them to be a nuisance or to be harmful, they will not care about new regulations and will find other ways to accomplish their purpose.

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Unfortunately I believe there isn't enough enforcement of regulations being put in place. Also having it spread out over too many days and going for too late at night. It should be 1 or 2 nights and from dusk for 2 hours max.

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In my neighborhood fireworks are often set off when no holidays are being celebrated. It disturbs the people pets and wildlife. Other means of celebration need to be found for holidays that use fireworks.

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Can fines be placed on those not following the by-law? Sorry if I missed that in any of the literature.

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Fireworks are very distressing for both domestic animals and wildlife, and bad for the environment. While I understand that fireworks have a significance in some cultural celebration, both of the above points should take precedence. People can and should find a different way to celebrate, while animals and the environment have no choice.

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I love public fireworks! But, nobody can ignore the destruction of the environment anymore. To continue to allow fireworks, public or private is irresponsible. Education and promotion of alternatives should be key to ALL celebrations that use light. Change takes time and can be hard but we need to be leaders for the environment's sake. Surely we can partner with our tech leaders to provide alternatives to every celebration.

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Other communities have banned fireworks completely and use drone lightshows instead. I believe this is the direction Kitchener should go. We know so much more nowadays about the negative impacts of fireworks, especially on the environment and pets and wildlife. And, some people in the past couple of years have abused the tradition, breaking city regulations and using fireworks to harm others.

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Although there are set days that people can legally use fire works, it is often done outside of those days which fall on work days. Anytime there is a holiday the fireworks go on far longer than needed in the middle of the night. It is frustrating when people need to get up for

work the next day.

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Some people let off fireworks for 5 hours straight, multiple days in a row during special celebrations and often during the week. It is very disruptive at 1am when kids and parents have to wake up for school and work. They are very loud and the mess they leave behind is terrible. There was some fireworks being lit off in subdivisions on Halloween night which was very unsafe for trick or treaters. We should have designated areas for community fireworks rather than dozens of residents lighting off fireworks in parks and backyards all throughout the City.

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I think some more education is required for people new to Canada. Their laws regarding fireworks seem to be much different than ours.

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No point in having bylaws if they are not properly enforced. People who don't follow the bylaws should have to pay a stiff fine. I think the hours could be restricted more in order to avoid animal distress. However, I do think fireworks could be used in more celebrations if all the other restrictions are in place; for example, New Years, and the Lunar New Year. I'm not sure how you can celebrate one groups festivities, but not others. Some of the 'private' rules appear to be impossible, like having your friends 20 metres from the display. Who has a property that large?

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I would like to see more education on the impact of fireworks on animals and wildlife in particular. As well, there is such a thing as low noise fireworks. I think switching to only permitting the low noise type is a no-brainer.

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I would be happy to just have fireworks at large organized and regulated public events (e.g. Canada Day). Small private displays are not really worth the trouble it brings to the community, in my opinion.

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We can make new traditions and mark/celebrate occasions in new ways. It's time our community evolves away from such a harmful tradition. The impact on the environment (including animals), pets, on veterans with PTSD, etc. shouldn't continue to be dismissed. People tend to be disrespectful of rules/laws so increasing restrictions rather than outright banning might have little effect (setting fireworks off at 1 am or mid week after a long weekend). Causing disruption, environmental/ecological damage, and trauma for a few minutes of

explosive pretty lights is absurd. The harm greatly outweighs any "benefit". Please ban private use and sale of fireworks. We can trust public displays and people with PTSD can plan around those as well as per owners. However, there will still be a significant impact on the environment and our ecosystems. Please consider banning public displays as well and replacing those with light shows. We have options!

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NO fireworks Too many private households involved in fireworks - inconsiderate to neighbours, unsafe particularly with lack of water and dry grass, leaves etc. I shouldn't be forced to check with my insurance company if I'm covered - if a problem results from a neighbour's fireworks

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There are definitely areas where private fireworks are known to be set off. Bylaw should monitor these areas in the days immediately preceding and following the allowed fireworks days to ensure they are not being used other than the designated day. If weather does not permit safe use of fireworks on the prescribed day, an alternative date should be chosen and allowed so that people are not setting them off randomly.

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Fireworks should be unequivocally banned. Their misuse by the public has turned them into a source of disruption and harm. They cause significant distress to both humans and animals, and enforcement agencies such as bylaw officers and police lack the capacity to regulate their illegal use effectively. A complete prohibition is the only viable solution.

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Private fireworks don't pay any attention to the bylaws

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In my neighborhood community members do not follow by laws or regulations related to fireworks. I do not believe increased education will help. Top-down measures like reducing when/how fireworks can be sold, and banning household fireworks (then actually regulating this) is the only thing that will work. My pets and children have all experienced great distress from private fireworks, not to mention harm to local wildlife and the environment.

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There has to be the capacity to enforce whatever regulations are decided upon. Currently, the nuisance around fireworks are happening on day that they are already not permitted and in locations

that are not permitted. Enforcing the regulations seems to be complaint based and usually those violating the regulations will be gone by the time enforcement arrives.

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Mostly I worry about the noise and pollution. Although it's super fun to watch and celebrate, I am concerned about the level of anxiety it causes for people and animals.

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These are great ideas, but only as good as enforcement. If people have to be caught red-handed, it is/will be difficult to do :)

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I can't say this strongly enough. WE DO NO NEED *****MORE***** RULES AND REGULATIONS WHEN EXISTING ONES ARE NOT ENFORCED. I am not a fan of fireworks, but some people are so thats fine, lets just find a framework we can all generally agree on. Certain times of the year, times of the night. That all seems reasonable. But I think there is STRONG consensus that having fireworks at 3am is not something we want AND these are ALREADY prohibited. It would be incredibly irresponsible if Region staff take away from this that we need to spend more money on "education" or time (ie money) writing new rules which will never be enforced or are unenforceable. Please do not waste money needlessly here by adding more arcane and overly specific regulation that will just be ignored like the simple rule of "NO FIREWORKS AFTER x PM"... JUST ENFORCEMENT PLEASE!

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For me it's about the type of fireworks. Noise is a HUGE concern for my dog & baby. It ruins our entire weekend and throws off my daughter's sleep. We live near a school which is disused all year. People set off fireworks year round, and it is never regulated. I believe fireworks can still be for sale as private events, but they should be silent ones. I would like public fireworks to change to drone shows. It's really cruel to nature and terrifies animals. Drones are equally enjoyable without the loud noises. Some public fireworks could still be ok in select areas for short periods of time. But they definitely need more regulations.

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People are using fireworks too often and at inappropriate times.

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It is horrible to see animals so distressed. All the bunnies especially seemed frightened even before it starts. They just seem to know. They dint deserve such treatment. They wake me up. The noise

makes jump as not expecting loud boom. At first I wonder if something happened to my house or if a tree fell or something or if guns are going off. I experience it as frightening until I finally figure out what it is especially when people do it at the illegal times. Private people should not do. Only someone licensed should do it if it has to happen. I wish they were banned totally. Why screw up the environment more. When animals get stressed they can die easier than us especially deer. Research that. Loss of diversity means increase of environmental damage.

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In the past I've done fireworks shows for a group of friends and family (~50 people). We followed safe practices (keeping the audience at a distance, having fire control equipment ready, cleaning up the debris afterwards, ensuring we were done making noise before 10 AM). I haven't done this in a few years, but I'd like to be able to resume this at some point.

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Fireworks use has gotten worse from my perspective. There have been increased use where fireworks are fired at people. This is unacceptable and regulation that isn't enforced doesn't do anything. This is particularly true with teenagers being teenagers. No amount of education or age rules changes that.

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We live opposite a church with a large parking lot - it is random and constant in the summer. With a new baby this year I'm dreading it. Our dog was a summer puppy so fireworks don't bug her at all, but I can't imagine what it's like having to comfort your pet. Focusing on donations to the KW humane society instead of buying fireworks is so important. Also there are some heavy racial prejudices in kw especially in the Kitchener Reddit that call out Diwali as the "firework holiday" - but I find all holidays are equally terrible for fireworks. If teens can buy them they're setting them off any and all times. Even during the day.. Fireworks are done, they do more harm than good, especially when done privately.

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I back onto a hydro corridor and people routinely set fireworks off by the lines. Current acceptable hours/days are not enforced, although I support tightening the hours I don't believe it will help. Most recently there have been reports of people aiming fireworks at people and cars in public parks and roadways.

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Just not worth it. They're environmentally wasteful and destructive. Ban the sale in the Region but it needs to be province-wide to see a

real impact.

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Strongly against household fireworks. With pets and autistic children in our home, having unregulated private fireworks in our neighborhood feels very unsafe.

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It would be great to require a permit to use them, and have the requirements to get that permit be education including signing off on allowed days/times. I don't want to see them banned altogether but we need to have designated times/dates so that people who need to prepare themselves/pets are able to do so. Complete bans never work - it just makes people get creative about finding other ways to obtain them. But giving a few select dates and putting more restrictions on sales/who can use them could be much more effective.

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I support fireworks as long as they can be done safely. I like when neighbours set them off but I wouldn't get too close. Would also like specific times when they are allowed so I can make sure my dogs are walked in advance and then kept indoors for the couple hours.

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The best fireworks are those large displays which are/could be put on by regional/local governments. These need to be greatly expanded.

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This survey is demonstrative of the tail wagging the dog. The questions skew the answers. You are going to be inundated with complainers, who do not see the simple fun in fireworks. A few dimwitted fools in Victoria Park are solved with security, not unnecessarily penalizing responsible users.

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If there is no enforcement, the current situation of late night/morning will continue. My hope is that there is a an outright banning of the sale of fireworks in the Region of Waterloo.

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Banning fireworks COMPLETELY is the only sensible and only action that should be considered. Too many cons on allowing them, environment - pollution, wildlife endangerment, flight from fright leaving young ones to defend themselves. Family pets and wildlife - EXTREME DISTRESS!!, this alone should be #1 reason to ban fireworks.

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It's more about enforcement of existing bylaws governing the use of fireworks. Allow for special occasions as approved by council such as significant religious holidays, special events (opening of the winter lights in Waterloo as an example).

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As climate change makes our environment hotter and drier during summer months, the risk of fire from drunk people setting off explosives is only going to get worse. Fireworks are an outdated form of entertainment, more than sufficiently replaced by drone shows, and there's certainly no reason private residents need to have them or set them off in yards or parks regardless of the feelings of the people in the surrounding community.

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I think we have far too many fireworks occurring. I would support a complete ban on them (even though they are fun) and a switch to drones lighting up the sky. In absence of a complete ban, I would support significantly limiting the use to public events (Canada Day). Fireworks are not very good for the environment (fall-out, heavy metals, etc.) and are detrimental to wildlife. Learning the impact on persons with PTSD makes banning or limiting the use make even more sense.

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Individuals do not follow rules a total ban on fireworks is needed and should only be used in a control spaces under supervision

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The time of day is the only issue I have... If all fireworks were done before 11PM, this would be perfect

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I don't believe in complete bans. There will always be people who have safe firework displays and there will always be people who do not follow bylaw.

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Fiereworks are permitted on Diwali but not Chinese New Year. Since we have a large Chinese community, we should allow fireworks on Chinese New Year.

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I don't believe private fireworks are necessary. Homeowners do not have or follow the proper safety procedures. They also will not follow any sort of time restrictions as we currently see. The only solution is to completely ban them for personal use, ban their sales, and let the region/cities do the displays.

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Do NOT over regulate in response to a few complaints.

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We need more enforcement of whatever fireworks regulations are in effect, especially private use. Around different holidays, and even on non-holidays, I heard fireworks being used outside of the times allowed. I don't think they should be permitted in the daytime and should not be used beyond 10:00 pm. I would ban the use of private fireworks since it's so hard to enforce the rules and would favour public displays that are more easily controlled and that people can still enjoy. I don't think they should be banned altogether, since many people enjoy them, even if I don't, and they are an important part of many cultures' enjoyment of holidays.

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There are other ways to celebrate that doesn't have the negative effects mentioned above.

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Fireworks are disruptive to those trying to sleep or recuperate from illness and are especially frightening for pets who can be traumatized by the explosions. Teens in our neighbourhood set off fireworks throughout the year and at all times including well after midnight. Fire risk and environmental risk are also prominent concerns. Laser shows are a much better way to celebrate special occasions - no environmental impact and others are not disturbed.

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With global warming reaching plus five Celsius, we need to get serious about our efforts to reduce global warming and reduce the grass fire risk let alone wildfire risk

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The regulations we have in place are adequate but are not ENFORCED adequately. No point of having bylaws if they are not enforced and there are no consequences to breaking the laws

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Fireworks have become too easy to acquire, with little enforcement of safety measures. Removing fireworks except in cases where permits and proper training and disposal protocols are being enforced will ensure fireworks are a rare enjoyment and not a nuisance.

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I used to live beside Victoria Park and it was AWFUL in the summer when fireworks were available. People do not care about the hours or

days you are allowed to set them off, if they did I would not have a problem. People set off fireworks at all hours of the night and it was extremely loud, shaking my bedroom. They also set off fireworks on days they were not supposed to. To me it doesn't matter if you put more rules in place to limit the hours or the days. The rules are already not being followed and no one enforces them. People who live in the neighborhoods just have to live with being tired all the time due to lack of sleep being woken up by people setting of fireworks all summer long. I think there is no other way around it. They need to be banned and the sale of them needs to be banned. I'm so glad I don't live in Kitchener anymore. In Kincardine there are a few days a year with firework displays and they are over at a reasonable hour and only on those days. I feel so bad for friends still living in KW as I always see them posting about their troubles with fireworks.

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Regardless of the present regulations as to where or when to set off fireworks people don't follow the rules. i'm worried about the neighbours fireworks ending up in my pool and causing damage and it is absolute hell for our dog whenever fireworks happen which is many more days than when they are supposed to.

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private sale and use of fireworks should no longer be permitted.

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Reduce the number of hours. 11 pm is too late. Change to 10:00 pm.

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This is one of the most biased and poorly done surveys I've seen on engage. Duplicate questions, incredible bias against fireworks and NO DATA has been presented on injuries, death, damage etc. or comparisons to other communities. There is an agenda here to eliminate fireworks under the guise of danger and OH NO ENVIRONMENT. Leave this alone, there are much bigger priorities to focus on like CRIME, VANDALISM, HOMELESSNESS and FOOD INSECURITY. Take those on instead.

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The negative effects significantly outweigh the positives for fireworks. Regulations and laws will have little to no affect if there is not enough enforcement, so potential alternatives for enforcement should be considered. By-law does not employ enough officers to deal with the problem. Understanding the potential cultural significance will also be important, however, ensuring access to safer alternatives to explosives should be the priority.

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Enhanced enforcement should also be a part of the strategy.

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Before moving to Waterloo I lived across the street from Victoria Park and came to the conclusion that if available for sale, people will use them without adherence to rules and regulations and they become a risk and nuisance. Perhaps they are best left to professionals.

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A few idiots ruin this for everyone, but if people are getting hurt then steps must be taken. Therefore I won't oppose tighter restrictions to remove private sales/use and restrict events to community displays if that's the decision.

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I support a complete ban on fireworks

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Foreworks are fun. The function of a democratic government, surely cannot be the harassment of majority to appease squeaky wheels.

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It's be nice if people with smaller lots or no lot could rent public space to conduct permitted firework displays. ie get a permit for the field at Knollwood Park

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I don't see any benefit to private fireworks purchasing or firing. Any fireworks should be organized by the city for a public event and we should just outright ban them within the city outside of that. At best, a private show is still much worse than a public show. At worse, people are setting them off in the middle of the night, disturbing pets/babies, and causing injuries and other damage. I have no idea why a modern society needs private individuals setting off fireworks.

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Increased enforcement of the rules would be nice. I hate when people set them off randomly at night.

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I noticed un increase in the celebrations with fireworks in my neighborhood , so im very concerned if my neighbours has the knowledge and experience in how to deal with fireworks.

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The only way any of the above will make ANY difference is with increased pro-active enforcement.

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Fireworks have been a tradition for many years it's sad to see the city take away or limit what events can be celebrated using fireworks You keep raising property taxes and literally sucking the fun out of any event we have

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Increased regulation and bigger government is never the answer. We all know the problem is a particular group of people who have no respect for their neighbours - stop letting their culture supplant ours. Stop mass immigration. Problem solved.

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Last year I witnessed young teenagers being dropped off at the park across the street from my house with fireworks after dark. Aft first the boys released fireworks upward into the sky, but then they began aiming them at each other which seemed dangerous. The park was filled with debris (this has happened many time). Also, I care about the wildlife living in the conservation areas within the city. The noise and lights must disturb them.

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The use of fireworks for household use is highly disruptive because so many people do not seem to care about their affect upon their neighbors. I have cats and the noise of the fireworks terrifies them. Some teens in my community have also somehow acquired very large and loud fireworks and set them off inappropriately in the parking lot of the mall or of our apartment building. That is not only very disturbing but dangerous. Teens under the age of 18 should not be allowed to purchase or operate fireworks. Harsher penalties are needed for those that sell to minors and also for minors who inappropriately use fireworks.

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At every occasion where fireworks are used in my neighbourhood they always go on for days, are loud and are used after 11 PM and even as late as 2 AM. Short of calling by law there is nothing we can do without getting into our car and driving around to find out which Home is actually using the fireworks.

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Used to be a lover of fireworks, but now I realize the effect that it has on pets and wildlife. Also find it annoying when people are setting them off very late at night, or on non-approved holidays.

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Fireworks can be replaced with light shows.

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People are too used to lack of change in their neighbourhoods. With increasing diversity, we need to be more accepting of our neighbours and their traditions. Reading comments about fireworks use in Kitchener on various social media platforms, it is abundantly clear exactly which demographic group is outraged that the "new-comers" are "taking over," and that they will use any possible, imaginary or not, reason to curtail any expression of joy.

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You have laws but very little enforcement. People joke about the enforcement more then any firework issues. Why has the City of Kitchener stopped New Years Eve fireworks at City Hall? It used to be one of the better events downtown Kitchener. Now we do not attend Downtown Kitchener New Years Event.

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I think using explosive items is unnecessary ,dangerous and out dated.We have Laser and other sources of light .Be creative! Our citizens who enjoy Diwali and those who think light shows are important on July 1st or New Years can find alternative sources of lights.

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More government overreach, stop! How many times have we looked at this issue, please, leave as is.

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Permits should not be granted for any additional days. Only the three days listed should be permitted dates.

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Regulation changes won't help if they are not enforced. This past year there were thousands of violators in my area but no enforcement of the rules.

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Encourage community groups and private citizens to use drones

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Fireworks should only be offered and controlled by Cities, Townships etc. and only well trained responsible people to carry-out the display. And limit the displays to Victoria Day and Canada Day. Anyone caught with Fireworks should be charged and penalized. The stories in the news in the last few years have proven that the general public does not know how to handle Fireworks. Most decent law abiding citizens would go to a controlled public Fireworks display. The people

that should not have Fireworks are often the one's that end up with them and using them dangerously.

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Fireworks are an easy target for complaints. There's better uses of time and money than trying to educate the public on and enforce laws against fireworks/their misuse. Egregious misuse of fireworks would fall under existing laws and processes.

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Having community events to celebrate are wonderful and do not require fireworks. Instead have bands playing and other festivities and have them go longer with maybe dancing.

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Unfortunately there will always be that group of people who will set off fireworks when they want(time wise) as they set them off in the field at 2am.in our neighbourhood. I would love to see fireworks replaced by drones for bigger events.

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Current laws seem okay, but are not followed. Fireworks set off after 11:00 pm and on all different days. Need better enforcement of existing regulations.

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Safety is the main concern when done by individual citizens.

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My rescue dog is terrified of fireworks. On multiple occasions this year youth have shot fireworks at each other in our neighbourhood. On New Year's Eve my neighbour shot off fireworks from his front porch (right next to our wooden front porch). When we asked him not to, he swore at us and called my partner an offensive word.

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While the by laws and regulations are clear, so many people in our community ignore them. Many times fireworks have been set off on our residential street, too close to our houses and personal property. Debris and garbage is left everywhere. We have found remnants on our boulevard, roof, backyard, etc. No one is taking safety precautions. We call by law to report, but no one comes and nothing is really done about it, so then it happens again at the next occasion. It also wakes up and scares our children while they sleep because it is right in front of our house.

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Some people are not paying attention to rules, dangerous to left off

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around houses, folks that work shifts and fireworks at all hours of the night on religious and stat holidays. I think their time has passed and should now be banned due to the ignorance of people doing privately.

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I really think the problems in Victoria park and some other holidays could be reduced if there was a firework display that people could attend. I also think the use of drone fireworks displays could be a really interesting alternative for folks. I think to avoid people gathering in parks on holidays and setting off fireworks - there should be a city event.

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A total bsn seems to be the only way to resolve the flagrant disregard for the rules. If they can't behave, they can't have them. Those who can't follow the rules should do without.

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Fireworks should only be permitted for city events (example city hall on Canada Day). Fireworks should be banned for private/personal use. Too many people do not use them safely, and it is bad for the environment etc for hundreds of fireworks to be going off. They are not necessary and too dangerous.

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I don't think anyone should have access to explosives. There is no need for this risk

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I believe public fireworks displays are all we really need and even then I would still advocate for either silent fireworks or drone/light displays to reduce the noise and air pollution. Household or family fireworks are not safe and are a huge disruption. They are not justified at all and should be banned outright.

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Fireworks must be set off on private owned property according to the bylaw. There are very few properties that are large enough, within city limits, that fireworks will also land on the same property. This leads to debris and embers from neighbors landing on personal property. There are some personal displays that follow all the regulations but many that do not. After the restrictions added in recent years there have been less fireworks set off randomly outside of the restricted hours. However there are still often 2-3 fireworks that are set off randomly more than 30 minutes apart throughout the night. The noise is extremely disruptive, reinforcing distress in pets and children with significant impact to sleep. The only effective way to significantly improve compliance is also to limit availability. There are simply too

many intermittent cases for bylaw officers to locate and respond to.

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Unfortunately, when you give people an inch they take a mile. They don't listen to/or obey the rules and if you add alcohol it can go sideways real fast. I think some huge fines would be a benefit and for repeat offenders, increased fines and/or jail time.

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Fireworks should only be allowed on Canada Day. Hopefully the sale of fireworks will stop and a public display can be set up for a minimal cost to participants. Charges need to be laid more to people who let them off as many as two days before and two days after. Very maddening.

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I know that often fireworks are used for religious celebrations; however, often the noise has completely disrupted evening activities, including being awakened to loud banging. I support a complete ban.

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In my opinion fireworks should be replaced with drone shows everywhere.

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Question 7 asks the same question twice. I think all private fireworks sales and displays should be banned permanently.

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I personally believe controlling private fireworks is too difficult and uses too much resources. I would be very happy if the city banned all private fireworks and invested in public firework displays for the community to celebrate holidays and events.

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Fireworks should only be allowed on Canadian National Holidays instead of all religions because we are in Canada. If our government allow all the fireworks celebrations that would cause a high environmental impact.

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Fireworks are very disruptive to my dog, causes anxiety and there is no way to shut out the noise. I question why fireworks are allowed in neighborhoods set off by private residents.

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Although fireworks are great for communities, the general public's use of them has gotten out of hand. Ban public display and use of

fireworks.

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In addition to increased regulation, we also need to see increased enforcement. Enforcement needs to be patrolling actively during weekends when fireworks are commonly set off. By the time someone figures out where an illegal firework display is coming from, makes a complaint, and they follow-up, all traces of the fireworks are going to be gone.

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Though fireworks may be traditional, and hold some nostalgia, we now know that they are antiquated and cause more harm than good. Public drone shows, for example, are an excellent alternative, without causing distress to pets/wildlife or risking injury or property damage. I support a full ban on the sale of fireworks for home use. Existing bylaws must also be enforced!

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Unfortunately, people don't obey the bylaws as they are, so I doubt that anything short of an outright ban will make any difference to the reality of fireworks use in our area. It's absurd that regular people are allowed to discharge explosives without any professional training or safety precautions, why has this ever been allowed???

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I think fireworks should only be sold to the city for special events like Canada Day. I don't feel fireworks should be sold to public for private events as no one follow the rules set out.

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I support a total ban. I would only support city run functions. All of those trailer shops set up in parking lots should be outright banned. They r selling to kids without knowing it.

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problem with existing regulations is that city bylaw and/or WRP will not enforce

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I don't think permits should be granted for fireworks on days other than the 3 listed. Too disruptive and it diminishes the significance of fireworks for those 3 important occasions.

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I miss the big show that used to be at the University of Waterloo. There were all day activities that many in the community enjoyed as well as the fireworks at night. I could support a once a year

celebration.

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I enjoy and don't have any concerns about the fireworks displays by the city. However, I don't trust the safety of private fireworks including the people setting them off. I find it disruptive when they go off at all hours of the night in the residential area where i live where houses are in close proximity to one another and there is a high likelihood of property damage.

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Woolwich Township doesn't ever put on fireworks. With new residents moving, they're asking why the Township doesn't. Can we get an answer?

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More regulations would not be meaningful if there's no way to enforce them. If bylaw got there after people have already finished setting off their fireworks, we need bylaw to still be able to / want to cite the penalties.

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The negative effects of fireworks, and their growing misuse by private citizens in otherwise quiet neighbourhoods, now outweigh any benefits. While they are a tradition in some cultures - and respecting different cultures is important - we are one community, and fireworks risk becoming a force of division rather than unity because of their negative impacts on others. If a total ban is not practical, then a ban on private fireworks, in favour of a couple of controlled public displays each year, might be a good compromise. It's the private displays, very few of which actually adhere to local regulations, that cause the most aggravation in neighbourhoods.

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I feel that some fireworks can be fun, but the problem is with excessive fireworks. It's damaging to the environment and wild animals, especially birds. Their habitat is already in danger due to human activities, and for an "unnecessary" noise to cause further damage, it doesn't seem right.

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I live in Victoria Park and on the Victoria day long weekend my children and I have not been that scared with teenage boys setting off fireworks into crowds and at police. We had to walk through it to get home and it was something out of a scary movie.

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Negatives outweigh positives. Other alternatives now exist, such as

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drone shows. If not a complete ban, then only public displays, or ban of all firecrackers (devices intended to only make noise).

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New Years should have the option of fireworks not just the Chinese new year.

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Year after year the bylaws are ignored more and more.

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It is time we recognize the harmful impacts of fireworks to our community and promote alternative and more friendly ways of celebrations. There are many options like drone shows, music shows, festivals etc.

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No fireworks would be great

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Townships and cities should publicly announce and post dates and times of approved public fireworks displays

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I have 2 young kiddos and a dog I get sometimes that loud noise sucks, but people should be allowed to celebrate. Does anyone talk to their neighbours about issues they have when fireworks are going off before calling bylaw?

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I'm very concerned about the impact of fireworks on livestock, pets, and wildlife (including birds). I'd support a complete ban on fireworks for this reason.

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Fireworks are an important part of many celebratory occasions and should not be banned simply as a result of a minority of bad actors. There must however be stricter fines and imposition of penalties for those failing to follow the rules.

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In 2025 we should have outgrown this outdated tradition. It's manly idiots who are bored who like sparkly things....anyone with a brain knows fireworks are ridiculous and disturbing. This city needs to do more to reduce the nuisance. It's worse than ever now.

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I think fireworks are fine for Canada Day and Victoria Day but that's it. I don't think fireworks should be used for religious holidays or celebrations or New Year's Eve since it's after midnight.

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Driving down Thomas Slee drive during Diwali in 2024 was dangerous! People were shooting fireworks across the streets at each others' lawns. I have seen fireworks trapped under cars, burning in grass in public green spaces, and damaging paint on people's vehicles (parked in their driveways). I have heard fireworks at 12am, 1am, and 2am, and these "bombs" sound as though they're launched beside my bedroom window. It's distressing and NOT enjoyable. Please, for the sake of our sanity and safety, ban private/household fireworks, and put on a single municipal display at a large venue.

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With the technology available to us now, loud fireworks should no longer be a thing. Drone shows or silent fireworks at the very least should be the only options available.

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There are no backyard fireworks worth seeing, and even if there were, the resources needed to enforce good behaviour in a ~ timely manner is completely impractical. If I am calling bylaw, it's already too late to correct my sleep for this night. The way it is now, it makes no difference to me whether there is enforcement or not, because of how long it takes to get them to stop. Any regulation short of banning household use will be no different from the free for all we have now.

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No matter what is decided, it needs to be enforced. Without enforcement, people will continue to ignore rules as many do now and nothing will change.

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It's not a big deal. People like to complain about everything. Let people have their fireworks. I enjoy hearing fireworks and going outside to watch. Wouldn't attend public fireworks, too many people. Too late to bring kids and get them home to bed.

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I think that this issue is complicated. I agree with most or all of the reasons for and against fireworks: entertaining, cultural, social, but also dangerous, toxic and loud.

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More communication regarding bylaws needs to reach community residents. Usually fireworks are not cleaned up. Increased bylaw

inspections are needed in areas of concern. In our subdivision, residents block roads to hold events. Can permits approved be published for community review?

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Private fireworks displays have been going on for as long as I have been born (62 years) in a safe manner with very few incidents or accidents causing personal harm (some close calls but actually no one ever hurt that I can think of). There are now more bad apples that try to abuse fireworks and the fines for unsafe activities should be raised to a level that thwarts abuse. By abuse I mean aiming fireworks at other individuals or setting them off in a public venue like a street or a park instead of their own backyard.

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I think there should be a couple public displays and private should be banned. People are constantly doing them on our street directly under hydro lines and close to houses. So unsafe. They also leave all the mess everywhere. I had a friend recently go to a private one and one misfired and almost hit someone in the face and ended up smashing a car windshield. How are these things sold to anyone ??

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Urban and suburban residential areas generally don't seem to fit the requirements for setting off private fireworks in terms of space, distance from other homes, trees etc. People setting off their own fireworks has never really seemed safe especially in an urban environment. With the advent of drone technology now, even public displays of fireworks don't seem necessary when there are other alternatives.

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I know of somebody who has severe injuries and damage loss of fingers, thumb, etc., due to improper use of fireworks

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I think the only way to effectively manage the abuses of people setting off fireworks outside of allowable hours and/or in unsafe ways is to ban the sale of them. Much easier to find and deal with the vendors than elusive individuals after they've already been set off.

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The more fireworks, the better.

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Banning the sale of fireworks is secondary to enforcement. There should be a question on enforcement and fines. People that set fireworks off after midnight should be hit with a massive fine. You

know the problem areas so there should be enforcement officers in the area to act quickly. Enforcement is not up to the job. People get away with it because they know there are no repercussions.

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Reducing the hours or number of days on which fireworks can be set off is unlikely to have any effect on the local fireworks displays that occur in my neighborhood - as they don't generally conform to the existing bylaws. Enforcement of and education about the existing bylaws seems strongly preferred to adding further restrictions that will be ignored.

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With what is known about their negative environmental, animal, and human mental health impacts, I don't think it's something that should continue to be supported. The astounded ooh's don't drown out the literal and scary aah's felt by many.

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I think fireworks should be completely banned from residential/personal use. Please do so.

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We should not allow religious holidays as a reason to use fireworks. We have Canada and Victoria Day. Those are the traditional days for fireworks in Canada. We need some tradition to honour the founding of our nation.

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There are certain days of celebration where fireworks add to the community. However there are others that are simply not following the regulations and from what I can see, no one is enforcing the bylaws.

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I think fireworks are more or less fine. When I have seen people complaining about fireworks in KW, it's mostly been targeted at people of South-east Asian descent. I worry that any crackdown on fireworks is going to be unequally applied and mostly used to harass visible minorities. There's lot of education and guidance available about safe fireworks use, but the dangers don't come from a lack of understanding about safety; they come from people wanting to have fun and thinking it's no big deal. I don't think that's an attitude you can fix with an ad campaign or ticketing.

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I would like fireworks to be allowed for traditional Canadian holidays, such as Canada Day, Victoria Day, and New Year's day, but limited for non-traditional celebrations. There are way more fireworks allowed

for Diwali than for Canadian holidays and this is absolutely not fair. I am an immigrants and I adopted Canadian valued and holidays when I moved here. Fireworks are loud and disruptive and devastate my children's sleep and should only be allowed for holidays celebrated by ALL CANADIANS.

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You can't take all the fun and entertainment away from those that are using fireworks responsibly.

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We are slowly taking away all rights for having celebratory fun. The people you probably have issues with aren't going to change. Offer free workshops on proper way to use fireworks

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Please to make any permits , the city of Waterloo is always trying to make money of the people who live here , ie parking tickets , they mayor him self said they use it as income. And has promoted drinking and driving ... so no more permits.

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firework by-laws need to be clearly conveyed to the community and stricter laws need to be in place for negligence

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It's immensely frustrating for us as residents. Fireworks go off about 3 days before and after any holiday, as well as randomly throughout the year. It's not good enough to offer education because people just do what they will, and lash out at others who disagree. It would be better to rid our city of public sale of fireworks. Please, please, ban public sale of fireworks in the region. Fewer response calls required for Police, Fire, and Bylaw officers. Cash saved. Fewer disruptions in the community. Less garbage in our landfills. Fewer fireworks being made (possibly by children). Thank you for reading :)

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Fireworks are very disruptive for plants, animals and humans. Victoria Day and Canada Day are colonial holidays that I don't believe we should be celebrating.

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Fireworks are fine when organized by the city/township for various sanctioned days. Is the lack of enforcement when people have private fireworks, which have become more frequent over the last few years on days that there should be zero fireworks occurring.

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So bad for the birds and animals. Totally unnecessary

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It seems that more and more, people are pushing the limits. There are far less disruptive and more impressive public drone shows that have taken the place of fireworks in many cities around the world. It's time to put an end to fireworks because of the noise pollution, physical pollution, and inconsiderate people who don't follow the rules.

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I am frustrated that the Bylaw allows private household fireworks for the days before and after the recognized holidays - why not just on the holiday. As we become a more diverse community the number of recognized holidays will naturally increase as will the number of days fireworks can be set off.

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I suggest to celebrate Labour day or Civic Holiday instead of Lunar Year and Diwali. (Maximum 3 occasions per year)

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Fireworks are fine. Constantly setting off fireworks between sundown and 1 in the morning is a nuisance.

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Many people enjoy fireworks as a harmless form of recreation, and banning them may create widespread dissatisfaction. A ban may disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens while those intent on misusing fireworks could still find illegal options. A ban may lead to illegal fireworks usage, which could be harder to regulate and enforce. Educating the public about safe use might be more effective than criminalizing behavior.

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Firework vendors should pay some type of tax for policing and regulation cost - maybe a licensing fees if that doesn't already exist.

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I live in a townhouse environment. Someone had set fireworks on the private roadway in front of their units. We've had some neighbors complaining to the Condo Management board. It had said the fireworks threw out the debris which had hit other neighbors' windows and roof. This was a big concern. The Condo management had told these people that it was not allowed to be set off at any time. So, I'm in agreement to ban private or house fireworks. The risks are simply too high. They don't take it seriously.

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If done safely fire works are great. Like in an open field and run by the proper personal. There should be a limit to the hours that they can be set off. And set off past those hours need to be investigated and the people fined. Maybe a phone number so that people can complain about after hours fireworks in their neighbourhood.

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We live in Waterloo near the corner of Fischer Hallman Road and University Avenue which is on the border for Kitchener and Waterloo. Many times a year our sleep is disrupted when we hear the loud sound of fireworks coming from nearby Kitchener homes, schools and parks well into the night. Also during the day when it seems fireworks are being tested. Looking forward to a total Regional Ban on fireworks for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you.

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Fireworks should be reserved for historic Canadian holidays, adding new holidays for some groups is not fair to other groups

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Individuals setting off fireworks should not be allowed - it terrifies dogs and wildlife, pollutes the environment, and wakes people up at night. It's also dangerous and could cause fires. People don't follow the allowed days and hours, so it would be better to just ban outright.

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Rules are great, but useless without enforcement.

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Too many days now with noise well after 11pm, sometimes much later. Should be no fireworks except Canadian public holidays for everyone, not a specific religious or cultural day for a small group

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It is getting to the point that we can't trust folks to be responsible with fireworks. Last Victoria Day driving down my street, a group of youths shot a firework at my car as I drove by. I was very frightened and indeed reflexively almost drove up the curb which could have resulted in an accident. I was very shaken. I later read what happened in Kitchener at Victoria Park. I believe we simply cannot trust folks to behave appropriately. Furthermore, I think by-law officers need to be more proactive and should be out and about on those nights when this is apt to happen or at least easier to reach. I had no idea how to reach anyone so after I parked, I walked down to the park to deal with it myself but the kids were gone by then (thankfully as I am a senior woman and it was perhaps a bad decision on my part). I used to love fireworks as a child and my father always put on a display from our yard for Victoria Day. I would support neighbourhoods getting together

to put on a display because it is lovely for children but I am against fireworks being so freely available that groups of teens can get them and cause mischief or worse. I also appreciate the cultural/religious significance and am fine with Diwali celebrations done as a community but not all the backyard stuff. Sadly, we can't depend on common sense to prevail any longer.

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Cities or municipalities could use drones for "light show" instead of fireworks. Individuals don't need to set off fireworks.

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I find the squeaky wheel is getting the grease here. I feels as though that those people who do not enjoy fireworks and have animals that loose their minds for 3 hours 7 times a year (give or take) are getting preferential treatment over the hundreds of people who enjoy watching or setting off fireworks. There are always going to be people who don't like fireworks- and those people are encouraged to stay home, turn on a sound machine or put in ear plugs and wish time went faster for the few times a year this happens. No matter the decision, not everyone is going to be happy.

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While I have enjoyed fireworks times have changed and the nice lights and sounds do not outweigh the negative impact of the Fireworks on the environment, wildlife, family pets or many other reasons. This does not even touch on the misuse of fireworks with people shooting them directly at peoples homes.

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It's fine to tighten up the regulations over fireworks, but how are these regulations enforced? People are setting off some fireworks around the 'official' dates all the time, but we can never catch them. If you don't have the people to enforce, then what good does tightening the rules do?

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The current bylaws are already strict enough. Those using fireworks should make safety their own responsibility. There is far to much community babysitting.

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Fireworks should only be allowed on special civic holidays and set off by authorized professionals (local fire dept.).

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In our neighbourhood, people would regularly set off fireworks in a school yard that is posted "no fireworks". They just ignore it.

Fireworks happen constantly and they aren't doing it safely.

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There needs to be stricter rules around using fireworks during non-permitted hours

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Private fireworks are a good way to celebrate May 24 and July 1 especially with neighbors in my community.

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If the city was planning a fireworks display in an area that was not in the middle of a residential area, and within reasonable hours for a some specific events, I would agree with that.

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When I was a kid in the UK we had fireworks in the back yard on Guy Fawkes Day. Not celebrated in Canada. Fireworks available now can be much more powerful and dangerous. The pyrotechnics used at stadia for sports events, rock concerts, etc are excessive, pollute the atmosphere, are excessively noisy, and are harmful to pets. Young folks like to set off fireworks as a lark - but they should not be able to obtain fireworks. They should not be sold anywhere in the city , in the Province or in Canada without the buyer having a permit, and the seller a license.

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Fire works must be lit in a space away from homes at a certain time and closed at a certain time if its for a celebration they must take the permission of the police each and every family And explain why they want to lit the fire works and where and how long and what type o fire work and who be responsible for the damages

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1. One of your questions asked me about my concerns about the use of fireworks, but it did not ask me about the level of my concerns. So for example, I answered that I was concerned about the risk of injury or death from fireworks, which is the case. But it did not then ask about the level of my concern. I actually think the risk of injury is relatively low, and the risk of death much much lower, but that does not mean I have no concerns. This is a basic flaw in your survey. 2. I am astounded that you cannot set off household fireworks in a public park without a permit in Kitchener. An open public park is by far the safest place to set off household fireworks. Most people's yard are far too small to adhere to all the regulations about setting off fireworks on private property. If you actually enforced the Kitchener regulations there would be no household fireworks at all. This is "big brother" going to extremes. John Richards jr_zim@yahoo.com

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I like when a community like Westvale or a city sets them off but not when someone in the neighbourhood randomly sets them off.

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Diwali is celebrated for 3 days in some parts of India...would appreciate if the same can be implemented in the city. Right now the rules allow only one day for Diwali fireworks

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Fireworks used to be set off 2x year. May and July 1st. Now it's much more frequent. Even regulating day and times doesn't stop the random use of fireworks. I'd fully support a full ban, but that also means no sales in the Region.

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I went to a public drone show for Canada Day and it was great! More funding for that would be great. Actual fireworks are so disruptive and dangerous. No one in my family/pets are disturbed but I empathize with all the animals and ppl who suffer through it.

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I don't think that a cultural event is a good enough reason to set off fireworks. Once a year on Canada is enough. A ban on the sale of fireworks to the public would likely help to solve many of the undesirable aspects. Only those authorized to do a public display could buy them. As mentioned above, a drone show is a better choice all round.

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What kind of sad human being wants to ban fireworks? Why is the solution to every tiny, insignificant problem always to ban something?

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One time, years back, when I attended a fireworks display at Forest Heights with my family, I was hit in the temple close to my right eye, with a metal cap from one of the fireworks. I was injured and could have lost my eye. I reported nothing at the time but it seems now there are too many fireworks going off all over the place, some being used as weapons!

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Fireworks should not be sold to the general public. Only licenced professionals should be able to purchase fireworks.

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There are a shocking number of random days during the year that neighbours seem to set off fireworks. I don't know if these are religious

celebrations or just fireworks nuts. Bylaw can't ever seem to respond in time to find them and shut them down. Anything that reduces this nuisance is appreciated.

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I live near Admiral Park, and every year on Victoria Day & Canada Day, there is a fireworks display that often goes past 11 p.m. I don't know if a permit was issued by the city for these fireworks. The other issue I have, is that some citizens fire off their fireworks on every long weekend in the summer, and Christmas and New Year's, in addition to the permitted holidays. This has to be more regulated, but there don't seem to be sufficient Bylaw enforcement officers in Kitchener.

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I selected no significant change to new regulations as I believe the bigger problem is enforcement of existing regulations. We routinely hear fireworks around Victoria Day, Canada Day and other days very late at night. At any public fireworks events I'd strongly support highly visible signage and enforcement with expulsion from the area for anyone with personal fireworks, including sparklers.

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On days when fireworks are permitted , we just want bylaw officers to be out and about looking for infractions as soon as the end time passes passes.

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Fireworks should not be sold to private individuals as they do not follow the regulations. Even though they are only permitted on certain days, they continue to be set off all during the year. Fireworks aren't the problem, it is the person using them. Last year on Victoria Day was a problem as some people were aiming them at people! By law officers can only do so much! Fireworks should not be sold to individuals!

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Where to begin. I despise fireworks (despite a police officer family member who's licensed, even once on the Rick Mercer Report). Those evenings, particularly in July, one is lucky to fall asleep by midnight. Living near Lakeside Park, they're sometimes set all night! Increasingly, they're being overused, and used dangerously. My pets, particularly my dog abhors them. People with PTSD are retraumatized. I'd possibly support and attend drone displays.

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I have lived where fireworks are not sold to the public. It's my preference.

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I absolutely support the full ban on the sale and use of private fireworks. The existing rules are far too lenient, and when an issue happens, bylaw is never able to get to site on time to catch someone in the act of setting them off, so the rules may as well not exist, because no one gets punished for setting off fireworks at midnight in the middle of a residential area at completely the wrong time of year (something that I experienced on New Year's Eve this year, where several intoxicated young men set off fireworks two houses down, and got belligerent when we asked them to stop because of three sleeping children in our house). There is no reason why people need to set off their own fireworks, especially if the cities/townships/region make sure to run at least two or three big displays on each of the three major holidays where we already expect to hear fireworks. But the amount of disruption should decrease greatly, and safety would improve dramatically. Additionally, we could coordinate this with the new Bird Friendly City designation that Kitchener has, as a way to improve the environment for wildlife, particularly considering the debris that is left behind from fireworks.

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Drones are an affordable and more environmental conscious form of celebration. Public drone shows can be done and private fireworks should be banned. Major fines should apply if remnants are found post fireworks.

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I love a good public fireworks display. I'm not a huge fan of the private ones in our neighbourhood, mostly because I have a small child and they impact his sleep (and therefore my sleep). I also find that people who set them off often do so in spaces that are too close to trees, structures, people, etc. I think people know you're not allowed to set them off in public parks, but they also don't have any good alternatives – like yards often don't have the required empty space, unless you have a rural property. I know fireworks are important for many cultural events – Dwali for example, and yes, even Canada Day – so I don't agree with banning them completely. I would like to see the Region add additional days / times / locations for public displays, or provide safe, open areas on certain days for people to go and set off their own fireworks. If I know when to expect the noise from fireworks, I can plan ahead with my kid and pets. If people have safe spaces to set them off, it might decrease the number of people doing it at home and potentially causing an injury or a fire. I know they're not the best for the environment either, but I don't think they're the worst in the grand scheme of things. I don't think banning them altogether is going to solve anything – it will just upset a bunch of people and make them more likely to DIY them.

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It'd be nice to designate specific areas (e.g. soccer fields) for individuals to enjoy private fireworks. This will allow the community to achieve a balance where people who need rest can enjoy their rest at home, and people who'd like to put off firework can still do it in a designated area with community members with the same intent.

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Unifying the regulations among regions is an excellent idea. Living across the river from Breslau has been difficult due to fireworks night after night when people are trying to sleep.

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My concern is enforcement—there's currently very little enforcement of the by-laws. Increased education would be helpful for sure but then how will things be enforced later?

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More regulations are needed. Pets are stressed during these times and it would be much more beneficial to have a community celebration for the community. Also punishments should be strict for those individuals that do not comply!

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There appear to be no repercussions for private fireworks used outside of permitted days or after midnight.

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Fireworks used in contravention of existing regulations are an issue. More prohibitive regulations do not improve enforcement.

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The issue of enforcement is of significance here. Every year there are fireworks set off at the same parks, like Queensmount Park. They are often late at night and for many days before and after public holidays. Setting stricter by-laws is of no help if the current ones aren't being enforced.

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I personally do not set off fireworks, but appreciate my neighbours who do. They should not be penalized because of foreigners who lack consideration or common sense.

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The risk associated with fireworks compared to any value they bring to the community, specifically private sales and use is off the charts. I don't think we should be selling fireworks and I don't think private individuals should be using them either.

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Be better. Direct resources to issues that truly matter. Firework displays have been around for decades. To much wasted money and time on trivial issues to appease the few.

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I noted that I neither support nor oppose with 'Require permits for all private or household use of fireworks' as I wonder, with the permit process, how much this will affect those who may not speak, write, or understand English as a first language. Some groups for whom fireworks is culturally important may be those who do not speak, write, or understand English well. Thus, it would be important, if there was to be a permit - or even education! - to ensure these are made available in multiple formats and languages.

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Fireworks are simply a low-yeld explosive missile. A gun is at least something that is fairly predictable in terms of line of fire, and you need a license to purchase one. I would sooner support banning of fireworks than rifles. Recently imported cultures significantly disrupt the enjoyment of hundreds of people around them. For example, people walking dogs could result in a dog running into traffic and causing injury or death because someone wanted to hear a "boom". The cost/benefit is ridiculous. Personally, I'm not a fan of excessive laws and regulation, but I think that this is something that is obviously not something that upholds the "rights" of an individual to set off explosives simply for entertainment. Similarly, those explosions from cars showing off is just as big of (possibly more of) a problem. It sounds like drive-by shootings on King Street.

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So many things that bring joy are being removed from our society, it bothers me that a few people are able to continue to get away with sanitizing our community. Let people celebrate around holidays. It only lasts a few minutes and should be tolerated.

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Households should not be able to buy or use fireworks at any time. Only organizations or officials who are familiar with the danger and proper use should be permitted use, one hour display at dusk for Canada Day is sufficient.

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Ban use of fireworks on private property less than 1/2 acre or in subdivisions. Only Municipality, city or private religious institutions with enough land, can buy or set them off. Must have a permit, fire department notified of date and time. No fireworks after 11pm, 2 hour window, specified dates, 4 dates per year only. \$10,000+ fine

minimum, plus possible jail sentence if intentionally shot towards human, animals/birds or personal property (house, cars).

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While I support the proposed ban on private fireworks sales and use, I think it's important to balance these bans with an increased number of public displays to account for cultural/religious traditions of large groups of people in our community. As an example, it's my understanding that Diwali celebrations traditionally involve fireworks, but I'm not aware of a public fireworks display that is timed to coincide with Diwali. It's no wonder then that we see a rash of complaints about private fireworks displays on those dates. I also think it's important to acknowledge that a law that cannot be enforced may as well not exist. One frustration when calling bylaw about nuisance fireworks displays that take place outside of allowed days is that the offence is typically over and done with by the time the bylaw officer shows up. Similarly, we can't expect that teenagers will stop lighting fireworks in parks just because we make doing so illegal. To that end, I think that banning public sale of fireworks is an important measure, as it adds the friction of importing fireworks from elsewhere into the mix. In addition, working with other nearby municipalities to ensure that they also implement a similar ban can help to protect us all.

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Strong enforcement with significant fines is required to ensure compliance with regulations.

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I love fireworks in a safe setting with responsible handlers. It would be a shame to eliminate them because a few people oppose them. When our son was young we went every year to see the fireworks displays. There is so much strife in our world today. So please don't remove this enjoyable time that is fun for young & old alike.

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Like the idea for permits to private guys. permits should be only given after safety tests. Only can buy fireworks if they have the city permission. But you need to allow people with permission to do it in local parks and they must be also be cleaning up after themselves if not no more permission for those. But the city has to make bigger and better fireworks so people would go and see that. Please look at Hungary Budapest August 20th fireworks as an example. We love to celebrate let us live and celebrate. We can not suck fun out of our life in every way....

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I usually attend fireworks displays at my cottage in Wasaga Beach. Safe on the beach with experienced firefighters .

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Unless you making selling fireworks illegal, banning fireworks will not solve fireworks safety. If anything, it is likely to decrease safety as people are doing it and trying to avoid getting catch. Anything that goes "underground" ultimately makes the situation worse and increase conflict between community members. IT is better to educate and have community conversations. We have not have much fireworks in our neighbourhood and they have never gone on for long. Luckily our dogs weren't bother by fireworks

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There appears to be a lack of bylaw enforcement, especially on days before and after designated days. I know my neighbours have dlcalled bylaw and it didn't make any difference. Given all of the forest fires and the large volume of dead trees standing in the forest behind my home, I am extremely fearful of fireworks being set off in or near the forested area

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Fireworks are a complete nuisance. Usually in our neighborhood it's young kids lighting them off at all hours of the night. It is frightening for pets, children and many others. They should not be sold! And as seen over the past couple years they are being used to cause trouble and scare people as seen at Victoria Park and other areas of the city. Stop them from being sold!

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I wish the local schools in coordination with fire departments would still offer fireworks. The power of fireworks has now exceeded residential capability. People work weekends and evenings, not just day shifts, and people don't care about anyone other than themselves. My wife takes special medication (1 pill / day) and the fireworks cause her all kinds of grief and anxiety. Pets in my neighbourhood have bolted. And as said before, I have had fireworks bouncing off my roof. I support sponsored events at schoolyards. Private offerings should be permit only (and very expensive) with the rules of using fireworks.... there are no houses in our neighbourhood that actually meet the existing requirements. (same as outdoor fireplaces... but places sell them, and and should include bylaws when they do.... no pleading ignorance).

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Fireworks should not be set off on private properties. When you live in a townhouse with a small backyard it's dangerous to be so close. Also, people have tossed lit fireworks with lacrosse sticks over our houses in Eastbridge. That was very dangerous. I used to attend public fireworks displays at Columbia Lake and they were safe and properly monitored. That doesn't happen anymore. Bylaw officers can

be called, but when they show up, often the people who light fireworks have disappeared. We need to ban private fireworks completely! Our animals are terrified of them and I'm sure wild animals and birds are also terrified. Why don't we have silent fireworks like what's available in Europe, or a drone display. Both are quiet and beautiful.

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The amount of fireworks going off in my neighbourhood has increased significantly. During the summer, when things are dry, I am concerned about the risk of fire, as well as the added noise that fireworks cause. Especially when people are using them after 11 PM.

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Public education on what the regulations are and safe use of fireworks around the time of holidays when household fireworks can be used along with enforcement of the regulations would likely help to reduce the number of times when the regulations are not being followed.

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I'm in favour of community fireworks displays. Individual households setting off fireworks at all hours is inconsiderate and dangerous.

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My only concern is that there is proper training for use and safety especially household. I am not opposed to household but training on how to use safely to reduce injury to people and surrounding area. Fireworks are such an enjoyment for many for many occasions and are a great way to bring people together, which is definitely needed these days.

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Every year there are fireworks set off in my downtown neighborhood. For context, there are no private properties nearby that are large enough to have a location far enough from all structures to legally set off fireworks. So without enforcement of existing laws, adding new ones is unlikely to help. I don't know what the best way is to achieve this - reporting them as an individual seems fairly pointless as first I have to walk around to pinpoint the address then call. So I think enforcement is unlikely to happen before they're done setting off the fireworks

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There was never a problem with traditional Canadian firework celebrations. Supporting other celebrations is the reason I support a complete ban on fireworks. Disrespect for our community and the environment is the result by celebrating at all hours of the night, in

any location with no regard for safety or the wellbeing of those around you.

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Use drones instead. More expensive but better in the long run. More entertaining too

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I like the idea of requiring permits as it might make enforcement easier. I hesitate to ban private fireworks outright as I know it's very important to some people.

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The use of fireworks in an urban environment is just stupid. It is a primitive, archaic form of celebration that should not be widely allowed. The disruption to my sleep and the stress caused by random explosions just makes no sense for them to be allowed.

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I think that cities and towns should move towards drone shows instead of fireworks. Better for the environment, less noisy, etc.

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On New Years eve some people thought it wise to shoot of fireworks at 3.00 A.M. in the Conservation meadow area of Waterloo disturbing many people's sleep. Very inconsiderate. The only way to stop this is to stop the sale of the product.

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Lught shows are better.

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Most if not all fireworks are made in China with chemicals that are hazardous to all forms of life. They are also vey stressful on humans and animals. I used to enjoy seeing the displays but with the knowledge I have gained, I am absolutely against them.

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I do not attend private events with fireworks, but were often set off privately near where I live, and it makes the neighbourhood feel vibrant and multicultural. I do not support further reduction in fireworks, and I am saddened that the view downtown display in Victoria park is more or less blocked by a large condo tower. The City should have made a condition of that large tower being allowed that fireworks would be set off from the roof.

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As the climate changes and summers become hotter and drier and

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settlement areas become denser it is a dangerous way to have fun or celebrate supposedly cultural or religious occasions. Household fireworks and children or pets are a dangerous combination. I know from lived experience. I grew up in a place where people set off fireworks for religious occasions and I have personal experience where clothes caught fire. And fireworks exploded in the face of a family member. Fireworks are no joke.

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I don't believe you're getting at the problem if you're thinking only in terms of additional regulation possibilities. If you can't think of how to better enforce existing regulations, how could you hope to enforce any additional ones?

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Very concerned about private use of fireworks not being done in a safe manner- aimed at houses or woods, risk of injury to those watching and lighting the fireworks, hours used are too long, hard for police to monitor and react in a timely fashion, waste of police resources. Too easy for kids to get fireworks and use any where. Fireworks should only be used in a safe controlled public area by people educated to use safely. Fireworks are very hard on many family pets if used close to private residence.

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I will buy elsewhere if you ban or online or in Guelph

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Public fireworks, in designated locations away from residential areas and handled by licensed/trained professionals are fine. Not my favourite, but I can choose to skip them. Private fireworks are a recipe for disaster - increased costs to local hospitals for the inevitable injuries, almost no regulation about who can buy and use them, and many local pets and wildlife find the sound extremely stressful. I cannot take myself or my dogs away from fireworks being shot off at unpredictable times in the neighbour's backyard.

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I am somewhat aware of what the days are that fireworks are allowed now and I know they go off a lot more than that. I don't want to piss off my neighbours so I wish the city would just sent officers around on nights they are being set off and lay charges.

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I recognize and respect that people love to gather and watch fireworks, and community gathering is a good thing. Personally however, i find the practice shortsighted, environmentally unfriendly (marginally), and disruptive. The noises are jarring and unsettling,

and I am unimpressed by the visual display. I would not try to impose my personal opinions on the community - i am honestly not sure if i am a minority or a "silent majority"

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Enforcement of current rules would help a lot with experience and additional rules without enforcement will not help. If it's day when fireworks are allowed and finished in time then it's fun, if it's weekday and work tomorrow and fireworks at midnight then it's not fun. Thank w

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In the past fireworks were fun and enjoyable to watch, however, the KW residents are uneducated, irresponsible and negligent about the laws. I've seen too many "almost fires" started by my neighbours, and constantly hear fireworks outside of the acceptable hours. I feel people are taking advantage of our laws or choose not to follow the laws that it would be best to just ban private displays completely. People don't know what they're doing and they're setting off fireworks well past the acceptable time (I hear them going off at 1am to 3am). It no longer makes fireworks an enjoyable thing because of how disrespectful people have been (not to mention the large mess left behind). I find debris and garbage rolling on my lawn for days following the fireworks displays because my neighbours also don't care to clean up properly.

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No need to set fireworks off 2 hours after dark especially in fall and winter seasons. It's dark at 5 why are fireworks being set off at 2 am waking and scaring everyone else up.

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Fireworks can be beautiful to watch. They don't go on for hours at a time. People are way to uptight about every single thing - fun is not allowed anymore

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Not close to our biggest problems.... avoid over regulation where the cost of enforcement dwarfs any perceived complaints....

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I believe there should be a complete ban on fireworks across the board (public and private). It disrupts our household and I spend fireworks nights with a petrified dog. I am also a big nature lover and I worry about the impact to wild animals. I also work at a school, and the days following fireworks nights are spent picking up fireworks debris off the schoolyard because nobody follows the rules or even cleans up after themselves. There is no benefit to fireworks in my

opinion.

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Please do not over-regulate another traditional activity just because of a vocal minority who complain about fireworks. There are already too many rules and regulations concerning fireworks. Recent drone displays taking place of some fireworks displays have also proved to be dangerous when the drones fell out of the sky.

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The main issue seems to be enforcement, not regulation. Some holidays (Holi, especially, I think) the fireworks go on all night. It's too much. I don't mind other fireworks, but I know people with dogs who do.

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Fireworks should be permitted each night on holiday weekends BUT with a curfew ... 11:00pm. The people who complain are out of touch. It disrupts their utopia for 2-3 days a year - that's hardly invasive, persistent or disruptive.

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I feel fireworks should be totally banned or implement silent fireworks so our pets and wildlife don't get anxiety, hide, be afraid or even worse run away by accident because they're scared.

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The number of edi days will increase if only some cultures get this privilege. It should just be for Canada Day period. Cultural celebrations do not mandate or require fireworks. The extended days and moon cycles make it difficult to police. It is not possible for Bylaw to enforce all the regulations and the police are already maxed out on other offences. Too many people purchase and set them off at random days and hours. Youth set them off at each other. I'd rather the entire practice end.

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Unbelievable further restrictions are being considered. Stop believing the local whiners that complain about everything they are not don't somehow represent the community. When did people minding their own business.

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We should only have public displays put on by professionals in ver short time frames so those affected by the noise can plan and avoid it.

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Strongly oppose cancel culture.

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In the past I have enjoyed public displays of fireworks. I think they have become too broadly used, being set off seemingly at random rather to celebrate an occasion publically like Canada Day. Last summer's incident at Victoria Park when youth were throwing fireworks at people was very frightening. I think they should be replaced by other types of light shows.

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I am generally supportive of private firework use, but I have noticed a recent increase in unsafe use, particularly aiming them horizontally and/or in the direction of people/buildings. I think increased enforcement against this kind of misuse, and possibly increased severity of penalties is necessary. I would support outright bans if and only if that doesn't work.

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Fireworks are set off whenever and wherever the person wants. Bylaw does not address it because they are not working then. There is no control over fireworks in the rural area.

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This is an incredibly difficult thing to enforce. People who love fireworks will buy them where ever they can, and set them off, regardless of the regulations. I can't deny the beauty of a good fireworks display, but it's a lot of noise. It's also annoying to have to pick up the shells in your yard from a neighbour's celebration.

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Fireworks only cause disruption a handful of days a year. Is it really that important that time, resources, and money are invested into a problem that only bothers a small group of people for a few days a year?

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With current environmental conditions seen across the globe, it seems insensitive to me celebrate happiness through fireworks. Public fireworks provide plenty of opportunity for people who would like to enjoy fireworks (I also believe they probably follow enough safety protocols). Private fireworks should be banned. P.S As a kid I have enjoyed lighting fireworks but have come to realize they are a nuisance to the nature, the weak/old/young/animals/birds members of our community.

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Regulations are meaningless without enforcement. Private fireworks

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are extremely disruptive to people and animals and should be limited.

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Stop trying to oppose the things that people have fun doing. And again, please understand the fireworks often drive me crazy :) But that doesn't mean we should ban them. Instead, help people find places to do the things they love. Hold weekends in Victory / Columbia / Waterloo parks (with fire folks on notice just in case, and maybe extra police) where people are free to bring what they've bought and try them out with their friends.)

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I see no evidence that fireworks are causing issues. My dog gets a little nervous when they go off in the neighborhood but can comfort her and I wouldn't trade people's enjoyment just for that. Let people live! All we do is work and pay bills. Life sucks. Let people have some enjoyment!

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Due to health reasons I cannot go any more to the fireworks and I have been disappointed that they are no longer at the University of Waterloo as I could see them from my house. I think the time's you have for fireworks is fine, we just need enforcement to people that go outside of the dates/times allotted by our bylaws. People cannot make arrangements for pets/people that are affected by sound of fireworks going off. I would love for the fireworks to come back to our area.

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Same as very loud music after hours, I only want to see things quiet down at 11pm when the noise bylaw kicks in, except for New Year's Eve when I have no issues with a midnight show. As for general Fireworks usage, it's only a few times per year and most people on the community seem to enjoy it

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Fireworks are nice to see but the fallout isn't worth it. My dog and cat are petrified and the dog refuses to go out to pee. I spend those nights comforting the dog.

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I have commented earlier in this survey. Fireworks are dangerous and mainly used stupidly by private individuals who are either showing off, drunk or stoned! They are dangerous. You need to ban the public sale and use of them. PERIOD!

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I often hear fireworks being set off in the parks around my

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neighborhood . I assume by the time I call anyone, the people setting them off are long gone. I used to like fireworks but people have abused them and put people, pets, property at risk

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While I think private fireworks are amazing for most people who use them responsibly and don't use them incorrectly, there are too many who misuse them and it's ruined it for everything. In Doon South community, there are near constant folks who are ignoring the rules and setting them off on random nights they want to, and many who are doing it from their porch or firing from their hands.

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We don't need MORE nanny state style laws that people will break anyway. The rules we have now are a good balance of safety/allowing people who want fireworks to have them. But we need to actually enforce the existing laws.

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I've heard the horror stories of home fireworks during religious holidays and I would not support that moving forward and would not want to see it in my neighborhood

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Making us drive electric cars but allowing firework pollution makes no sense

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Two improvements that I could suggest, would be to allow them on public land. Open fields are much better for safety. I have a greenspace in front of my property that i used for fireworks many times, and i cleaned it up after but was told by a bylaw officer that I couldn't do that anymore. The second thing would be to allow fireworks (Victoria day) on the Saturday also. Kids are still in school so picking the best weather day where it won't keep them up is restricted if you follow the bylaws.

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The detrimental impact of frequency and intensity in the use of fireworks far outweighs any potential benefit from its use. I strongly encourage the region and local municipalities to ban the sale and permission for use of fireworks to private consumers throughout the full year.

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Banning fireworks only effects those who legally use the product. The people who misuse will still misuse. Fireworks will still be for sale in other municipalities and will still be an issue. Punish those who

misuse, not the ones who enjoy.

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Fireworks used to be City funded/run in one location for one night to celebrate Nationwide occasions. They are now misused, oversold, used as weapons by uneducated citizens, upsetting to people and pets/animals and a huge detriment to the environment. I think fireworks displays, public or private, should be banned and the City of Waterloo should promote community drone light shows as an alternative.

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I think that people should be allowed to enjoy fireworks on special holidays through the year. I think there should be a limit on how late they can let them off and impose fines by bylaw. If those times are exceeded, I get that. I think a ban is ridiculous, and an infringement on peoples enjoyment and rights and I really don't know really what kind of harm it does to dogs or pets or animals, considering that thunderstorms produce the same results and we can't put any controls on those. People have to realize they live in a suburb with neighbors and respect neighbors on both sides of the coin. Respect in the fact that you shouldn't be noisy or letting fireworks go past a certain time I would say 11 PM. Or even 10:30 PM. And those neighbors that wanna complete ban have to understand if they want tranquility, and to have serenity and peaceful 24 seven while living in an urban environment, they should move to the country. People need to have a fine blend of patience, respect, courtesy, and did I see patients if I did it, I'll see it again, patience and understanding. And for the record I am not one to let fireworks go on my own property so my opinions are based on someone who is patient and has tolerance for the fact we live in a close-knit house is almost touching each other community.

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I love fireworks. Please don't take this away from us and our neighbours. It brings our community together.

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Fireworks are good when set off safely and during appropriate times, so I don't want to restrict people's freedom to enjoy fireworks responsibly in a manner that does not upset or inconvenience others, at appropriate times. People should also learn to accommodate the appropriate times they are / can be permitted. But outside of this, fireworks should require a permit, and more bylaw enforcement should be made.

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Make the rules more easily followable and people will step up. The

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current restrictions encourage bad behaviour. Making fireworks so difficult to use legally has clearly encouraged broad misuse.

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Due to safety concerns and the potential for violence among youth, public fireworks displays should be very much limited...to city hall, perhaps. Private fireworks are safer and more enjoyable than public.

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Scheduled supervised use by the city or region to celebrate major holidays are not the problem. Private use is too hard.to police, and no respect for time of day or specific days they can be used, only option may seem extreme but involves a ban for private sale

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I love fireworks everytime I see a firework explode it makes me happy

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Fireworks brings friends, family ad community together. Celebrations like May 24 and canada daybste family and community traditions.

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Fireworks gonna be going off at 3 AM and you don't even know where they're coming from. All you hear is the banging. There's no enforcement whatsoever and it can basically be any time of the year.

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I am not opposed to people using fireworks but there needs to be someone with the proper knowledge to set them off. And there needs to be someone others could call at the time to get a response and help when there are complaints and problems

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It's not fireworks or regulations that can be a problem, it's people who don't understand or care about the risks. Regulations won't do a thing when people are ignorant and will set them off whenever they please, and there's no enforcement or repercussions.

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Fireworks are so dangerous in the wrong hands. They should only be done by people who actually know what they are doing.

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Only public displays (run by city or community associations) should

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be permitted with no private displays (i.e. no permits should be provided) and should only occur on the day of (not weekend) traditional Canadian holidays (i.e. only Victoria Day and Canada Day)

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I love publicly run fireworks. Would support a total ban on private fireworks.

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Just better to ban them. Easier to enforce.

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I fully support when the township holds firework displays on Canada Day. Safety has always been top priority. Private fireworks displays would be great if a permit was required. We have a small green space behind us and neighbour's have set fireworks off in that space. We have had damage to our hot tub, pool, trampoline. The ashes falling have burned holes in our patio furniture. Unfortunately our neighbour's did not care and it wasn't worth fighting. We have also had neighbour's intoxicated and setting fireworks off on the street aimed at cars. It's getting out of hand and the township lacks ability to ensure safety due to budgets.

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Should let the professionals stick to doing professional things and the amateurs need to be stopped

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Fireworks are being set off randomly in our neighbourhood. They time frames they are allowed are not followed. It is extremely upsetting to our pets and creates a lot of anxiety in our home.

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I think people need to stop complaining about small things.

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I'd like to see public fireworks displays converted into drone displays for safety and environmental reasons. And while I don't support completely banning private fireworks use (bans rarely work to change behavior, and often make people dig in their heels), as a pet owner, and someone who suffers from chronic migraines — I don't understand why people need backyard displays when there are always lots of public displays to enjoy. Thanks.

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I do not believe religious holidays should be included. What happens when the next large religious sect says "You allow them for (Diwali for

example). How will you respond? Also, for the most part, our summers are getting longer drought conditions...it's a fire hazard.

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I used to appreciate fireworks. Now when neighbours set them off, it is startling and sounds like gunfire. The sounds and bright lights scare numerous animals domestic and wildlife. Animal parents abandon their young. Runaway pet notices are prominent the day after fireworks. The risk of fires, and damage exists. People have no regard for limiting days or times for fireworks now. Please ban them.

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Used to attend UWs Canada Day fireworks and they were an amazing community attraction and core childhood memories. Since its discontinuation I don't know where to go for celebratory fireworks and would love the cities to do a big celebration for our community. I live near Victoria park and all summer we constantly hear them. It's not bothersome to us as our dog isn't bothered but they are unnecessary and I truly don't believe a private household should have the right to cause that much noise after dark and disrupt people and animals. A once a year city regulated big celebration with precautions would be BEST!!

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There are many ways to get people together and celebrate occasions other than using fireworks. Fireworks are hazardous and danger.

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Sale and use should be banned in all of Waterloo Region. Exceptions only for sponsored and approved events and on a very limited number of days. People have demonstrated they simply cannot behave and use in a responsible manner. Failure to comply required much stiffer fines.

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People should not be allowed to set off fireworks in community neighborhoods next to houses or vehicles. Police presence should be increased to reduce this.

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its unfortunate that people cant use their own common sense

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The bylaws are reasonable, but they just aren't being followed. Given the limited upside of private fireworks it seems like a pretty reasonable solution to just ban the private sale to individuals without a permit

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Canada Day and Victoria Day should still be the only days we have fireworks in Canada.

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As much as new regulation may help, I'd be curious what can be done to help bylaw/police officers with respect to enforcement.

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With new building construction there is no reason why those who do not like the noise people or pets should be able to go inside during these limited hours. With advance notice of holidays they should be able to plan accordingly

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Careless behavior by people using fireworks inappropriately causes too many problems.

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At the outset of your survey you asked about attending fireworks offered by the municipality and by private residents. The third category is fireworks by other organizations or groups. For example in past my favourite was the fireworks offered by university of Waterloo in Canada Day. This survey doesn't address these scenarios.

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I have no issue with publicly run events or private backyard events - the issues are when private fireworks are set off in crowds such as attendees at a public event - or in public parks or cemeteries, etc. I think adding a rule about none after 10 or 11 pm is reasonable as well. I think trying to regulate the sale is a bad idea as it will drive the sales underground and create a black market unnecessarily - rather add a permit, fee or local tax, even have sanctioned pop up selling venues on City properties - and collect a fee for the venue, etc. If a musician requires a permit and fee to busk, seems reasonable for a fireworks vendor. The Canada Day celebrations with light show only was lame. I like the idea of light show as complimentary - but need better crowd control as always. Thanks for looking into this!

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I do not think that most people know about the current restrictions. There have been fireworks set off in my neighbourhood at times that do not adhere to the restrictions. I am appalled by the people who were throwing fireworks at people in public places last year.

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Should not be banned, but actually enforce hours at which they're set off.

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Current allowed days in Wilmot should be amended. For example only the Monday of the May long weekend should be the Saturday instead as School children might need to be in bed on the Monday and adults need to work. The day - July 1st - that could be a Wednesday and at that time of year dusk is later making fireworks later and people may have to work the next day. So it should be the Saturday of the July long weekend. Possibly include the Saturday of Labour Day weekend as well as many people have an "unofficial" end of summer/back to school party that weekend

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People need to be educated and considerate. Fireworks going all evening well past current deadlines is the problem. Regulations dont change that because we have more an enforcement issue. Yes there are inconsiderate people shooting them off too late. Also ignorant people shooting them off dangerously is a risk, but this is beyond a simple regulatory issue. Ban fireworks, you'll still hear them. Educate inform, perhaps require vendors at sale to remind safety tips and being considerate for your neighbour.

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Do not waste our taxpayer money on this if you do not plan to enforce it. I am so sick of you making changes for the sake of changes - change without enforcement is a waste of our money.

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I feel a licence with identification is required for fireworks purchase as well as an age limit for purchase

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Fireworks can be very disruptive to people's lives, particularly if people experience post-traumatic stress disorders or if animals react strongly to loud noise experiences. The public frequently abuse their rights of fireworks use: letting off very loud fire crackers, not fireworks (this has happened in my neighbourhood), letting off fireworks in the street (this has happened on my street) and letting off fireworks at hours or on days that are banned (this happens on every "permitted" occasion). Our dog (a rescue) is utterly traumatized each time there are fireworks and it sometimes takes weeks to get her back into a routine in which she is comfortable enough to just go out for a walk. Fireworks should be banned.

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Nana on sale don't work if I can go elsewhere in the province and get them. Having education for vendors is not helpful since they know the problems. Having money be in the way means they are really likely to make a sale. Education for private users - the good ones already

read up and know. The ones that are not listening are the ones you need to reach and they do not care to start with. Response time for bylaw is too slow to matter - mostly needs to be a mutual respect thing and that is not apparently present

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Ban the sale of fireworks to anyone other than licensed, accredited and trained organizations like U of W, service clubs etc. Better yet, ban them altogether, especially firecrackers that are designed to do nothing but make noise. Fireworks ONLY on Canada Day or the day before or after due to inclement weather. PERIOD No fireworks on Victoria Day, Diwali or Chinese New Year. PERIOD Celebrate the founding of Canada, dump anything to do with anything with residential schools or indigenous, religious or cultural. There are also other community options like laser shows in large spaces like Seagram Stadium, Waterloo Park, U of W, Waterloo Square. Fireworks are expensive, noisy, dangerous, passe. Get rid of them and look for community building alternatives, again at Canada Day only. Make sure this is also Region wide so there is no confusion in different places with different rules.

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I love public firework displays and the opportunity to set them off from our private household but I don't appreciate fireworks being set off past 11pm (which happens a lot in our neighbourhood) as I have young children who go to sleep well before that time.

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To me, it's not about a lack of regulations — it's about people either not knowing them or just ignoring them. i.e., you can regulate the heck out of fireworks, but people are still gonna buy them and set them off on unapproved days and at unapproved times

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Fireworks should be used to recognize or celebrate Canadian events as a means to bring Canadians together.

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Banning fireworks will make the situation worse. Proper education, where and how for private use. I live at the entrance of Victoria Park and there have been a lot of issues with fireworks in the park. Unfortunately, we need more police presence in the park on holidays where fireworks are known and for all day police presence in the park.

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If fireworks were actually set off in their allowed time, it would be fine. However, in my community they usually are going off until 2-3 am. It

causes stress to my children and my dog to the point he shakes and hides for hours. I don't see any benefit to fireworks being legal at all.

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Fireworks are just another way for a *very small* group of people to respond with 'oohs' and 'aahs'. Ban it completely and get rid of this pointless and irritating activity. I'm sure people find other things to distract themselves and invoke oohs and aahs.

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Please ban private household fireworks. They are so disruptive in my community. They go off every other weekend and all hours of the night.

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I have neighbours who used to have an annual firework party on Canada Day. We found ember burns in our backyard and shells in our flowerbeds and were VERY concerned about them landing on our roof and another neighbour's had their boat tarp damaged with embers. We used to have to make sure we were home on Canada Day weekend just to watch our house. Even still, we were told it was all within the regulations. We talked directly to our neighbours. As did some of the other neighbours. Fortunately, our neighbours are reasonable people and good neighbors, and they agreed that they would not have these firework events anymore. But I'm sure that's not always the case for some neighbourhoods. Also, the distress that it causes our dogs is why I strongly oppose private fireworks. I as a citizen should have the regulation support me. I also want to comment that regulations should be applicable to all - no fireworks for any particular religion or organization. Unless it is done in conjunction with the community at a designated time and location and is available to everyone. The community should make the citizens aware in advance of any public display.

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It needs to be made clear to citizens what the by laws are around fireworks. I feel like citizens are not informed of the rules well enough, causing illegal use of fireworks around the city, especially in parks. I also think some citizens do not even know there are by laws around fireworks at all. I have tried to call by law many times over misuse of fireworks in my neighbourhood. We live beside a park, people light them off in the park all the time. Sadly there is no control so they hit my neighbours cars, pieces land in our backyards and on our roofs. Next morning we are out picking up the pieces making sure our children and animals are safe. On an evening that the city knows fireworks are likely to go off (May 24, Canada Day, Labour Day, Diwali), by law should be easier to access and asset in the situations. Also on holidays, especially Diwali, fireworks should not be allowed

after 10pm. This holiday lands during the week sometimes, making the fireworks go off at all hours of the night. There is no respect to the time they go off, this effects all the households around them that need to work, have children, etc.

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I love fireworks! My children love fireworks! And I am a child who has lived through a war (PTSD being triggered by fireworks is (IMO and experience) not a thing. Please don't ban public fireworks. But I 100% support the ban of private and household fireworks. I feel completely unsafe (and annoyed) when my neighbours set off fireworks in the field behind our houses.

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My dog has anxiety whenever fireworks go off. Nonstop barking , sometimes gets so worked up he's shaking and vomiting. We have spent 100's of \$ on medication to help him get through these events. I have no problem with organized events like the city used to do prior to COVID. I knew the timing and was prepared. But alot of people in my neighborhood come from places where fireworks is a big deal and they tend to set fireworks off for who knows what reason and time over the summer, some even in winter. My experiences are just through my pet right now but in the past our kids when younger enjoyed the fireworks but now we get fireworks all through the night too. How are they supposed to sleep. In a perfect world there would be no ale of fireworks to anybody unless it was for and organized and private event. Anyone can buy fireworks these days.

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My family attended the Canada Day celebrations in Waterloo Park where a UW team put on a fantastic drone show. It was really spectacular and everyone enjoyed it. It was quiet but awesome. We need more displays like this. Considering that Canada welcomes refugees and immigrants from conflict zones we should be cognizant that fireworks can traumatize people. Also we should keep in mind the impact that sudden loud noises have on small children, people with mental health issues and also animals. Thank you for this opportunity. Kind regards

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The current region regulations say that people have to set fireworks off on their own private property. Given how small the average person's house lot size is, setting off fireworks is practically doing it on top of all of your neighbours houses. It is very loud, disruptive, and can potentially cause harm and damage to property and people. I am a completely in support of public firework displays put on by the region or cities, but I do not think private households should be able to set them off.

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Have had fireworks that have inadvertently landed on my roof. Fireworks are way to disruptive on the wildlife and pets and PTSD folks. Drone optical displays are the only things that should be allowed

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We have had numerous terrible experiences with neighbours setting off fire works really late into the night. I appreciate a chance to share my opinion.

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In my neighbourhood, one of my neighbours used to set off commercial fireworks and the debris would rain down on my house. It's terrifying to wildlife, my dog is frightened and cries and barks, and based on what happened in Kitchener at the park—I think it's basically unsafe and an unneeded expense. Hopefully, technology will be able to substitute drone light shows for fireworks.

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Rather than penalizing all users or supporters of fireworks, we need closer scrutiny and greater penalties for those who use fireworks as weapons. We don't ban baseball bats or cricket mallets because a few people use them improperly. Nor should we do so with fireworks.

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Elmo's allowed days need to be changed to the Saturday of May 24th weekend and the Saturday of July 1st weekend. Also consider allowing them Labour Day weekend

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I think there should be a minimum property size for fireworks. Houses are crammed now. Not enough space. If someone lights their home on fire due to lack of education with fireworks - given how close houses are the whole street would go up. I don't need my house burned down because someone wants to celebrate New Year's Eve, Canada Day, or Diwali.

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While I believe fireworks are bad for the environment, risky, and unnecessary, I understand they are part of a celebration. Many world cities now do city-sponsored (or commercially funded) lighted drone shows instead of fireworks, which I think is a far better approach. It brings the community together to celebrate while minimizing risks and pollution.

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Private is fine as long as it's not in a subdivision with houses close

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Please keep fireworks for us residents to use and not take away our joy

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They serve no purpose to me. They disrupt and infringe on my space.

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I am not in favour of private fireworks. In recent years the fireworks have gone off on non national holidays until 2am. The private fireworks (especially during Diwali are fired too close to trees and houses.

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Restricting home fireworks to the Victoria Day and Canada Day holidays is fine but it would be better if the allowable day was the Saturday of the applicable weekend. Particularly for Victoria Day because with it on a Monday, children have school the next day.

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Great public displays in our area . No need for private displays especially when many people abuse the time frame allowed .

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Too many ppl are complaining about an event that happens so infrequently. We don't have the policing power to run everytime a person thinks it's cool to let one or a few off then take off. As for the animals like what did we do with animals 20yrs ago right nothing. The fact that this has taken up so much media- Facebook posts by complainers is ridiculous. Fireworks are and we're always an exciting event we looked forward too.

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I live across from a park and every time there is a firework holiday for a week fireworks are set off in the park. Fireworks have been shot towards the street, towards houses and stresses out my pets to the point where they bark for hours on end frantic from the loud noises.

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Our kids find fireworks magical. The Columbia lake ones on Canada day are gone. The wonders of winter ones are gone. Enough.

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I strongly support the banning of all fireworks everywhere! Just think of all the created pollution on New Years...a very destructive way to begin the new year!

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Private fireworks (nuisance) have been set off too close to other households. Calling a number for enforcement is useless because the individuals will have fled by the time enforcement arrives. Fireworks (private fireworks) are HUGELY disruptive to wild animals and cause enormous unnecessary distress to nearby household pets. Especially for those of us who live near schools/parking lots where nuisance fireworks are set off.

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If the city actually did something about the people not following the bylaws it wouldn't be a problem. Last year at LBP school, fireworks were shot AT my children. Also our neighbours kids like to make their own "home made" fireworks that they release in our tiny backyards.

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The difficulty of private fireworks is that they can go on for hours because people are setting them off in different places. If there was a least a shorter definite time for setting them off we can medicate our dog. But currently they can hours every night for a long weekend of special occasion.

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I think 11pm is a good shutdown time for fireworks. I don't believe it should be regulated further than what we have in place now. The problem is when they go on past midnight and not enforced.

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My dog gets very stressed with fireworks. Sometimes they sound like gun shots. I worry about damage to people and property.

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We live beside Suddaby School in downtown Kitchener. My issue is that there are clearly well meaning families (and, sometimes, irresponsible adults) who set off fireworks in the schoolyard every "firework weekend". I have watched fireworks bounce on the ground, and hit the fence; and with the proximity to my house the sounds are quite loud and disruptive as they often happen far later than ie the main fireworks at city hall or vic park. Overall, I'm not living in fear or anything haha but it does feel everytime this happens its so unnecessary; we're so close to the "real" fireworks downtown, and these groups of people (well meaning or goofing around) seem very uneducated/very casual about it and that just bothers me. I both understand that it might be fun to do yourself, and feel frustrated that they aren't looking at how tight this neighbourhood is and recognizing a) how disruptive it might be and b) honestly, potentially dangerous considering only a small fence and small schoolyard separates them

from cars and homes.

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Our township allows fireworks 10 days before holidays. I would prefer day before, day of and day after holidays.

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At least twice this year, teenagers in our neighborhood set off fireworks and aimed them at other people walking by. People set them off in their small backyards endangering near by houses. It has gotten out of hand and regulations are needed.

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Let's continue to keep fireworks displays possible, both private and public. As our communities grow, we need ways to keep the community together and fireworks events provide this opportunity. I used to have dogs who were afraid of fireworks but wouldn't have dreamt of complaining.

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Fireworks have been around and I know people enjoy them. I don't have a problem if they are being held at a specific place with proper safety measures. What I don't like is when people are setting them off on their driveway or in their backyard. I also don't enjoy the random days people set them off on. Victoria Day or Canada Day is fine, but in a public place and professionally done. I know people work shift work, have little kids sleeping and many other things in life and the fireworks can be very frustrating.

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Please ban fireworks entirely. You can't control them, and the community as a whole has enough people who don't care and just won't be responsible towards others -- the city is too big, and too diverse. Just get rid of all the fireworks, forever. Permits are not enough. Stop the fireworks, and get really strict penalties, and enforce the bylaws proactively by driving around and catching people. Please make the fireworks stop.

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Private Fireworks should be banned in residential areas near schools, homes, and powerlines. Enforcement needs to be simplified and ready to act in dangerous situations. One situation I encountered was a house setting off fireworks on a main street in front of a public school on a residential road. Our car almost got hit by these fireworks. All private displays should be banned, and private permitting should be as strict as gun laws, if not more strict and hard to get.

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I think it's dangerous in the city, too compact and populated unless it's within a park or school ground which creates other issues. Terrorizes my dogs.

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Our community should be about caring for our neighbors, pets, wildlife and other living beings. Knowing what we all know about the effects of fireworks why does the city let such archaic practices to continue. You in the City should be ashamed of yourselves to even let any fireworks to be used.

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Fireworks are not an important issue for municipal governments and in Waterloo we already have too many restrictions imposed by the fire department that make neighbourhood fireworks displays unfeasible.

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If we care at all about our air, water, wildlife, pets, and people with mental health challenges we should do as much as we can to limit (and even ban) the use of fireworks in our community. Please!

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Public displays of fireworks are fine. The problem is people setting them off so close to their houses and without any awareness of the rules. Last year's celebrations were a joke. People are not aware of the rules and do not care to learn them.

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Would support in a total controlled location by professional people. Do not support the sale to the public where there is no control of time, place, location or who is setting them off.

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Ban the sale and use of fireworks completely. We have laws around permitted days and hours but they simply unenforceable.

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Enforcement of violations, especially in the middle of the night has to be increased. Maybe significantly larger fines are necessary.

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Just ban it. Period

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i hate fireworks, they stress my dog out and are extremely disruptive to me.

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I would prefer to see a total ban so I only support improved education and reduction in days and hours if a total ban is not implemented.

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While I recognize that many people really enjoy fireworks and find it celebratory and I certainly did growing up they are too harmful to the environment and to animals for their enjoyment value to outweigh the harm. There are other ways that we can celebrate that are not harmful and we need to start making a cultural shift and putting the environment and planet before nostalgia and personal enjoyment.

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Private use of fireworks should be banned within all built up towns / urban areas. Rural use should have no restriction. Seems a simple approach.

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I grew up with fireworks. Haven't used them in years. Personally I Don't see a need to allow private fireworks use given all the downsides.

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Increase number of days people allowed to celebrate and more fine to culprits.

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It terrifies my dog for days. I live next to a school and people set off fireworks many times.

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The fireworks in Waterloo region make me want to move and live in an area where fireworks are banned.

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Fireworks are traditionally used for festivals and celebrations. Eliminating fireworks will create illegal black market in our community which is totally unacceptable. Increase public awareness and stop illegally selling fireworks.

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The fire are so dangerous on Ramadan!!!! They light fireworks off anytime and don't care where they land. I have heard of tops of cars getting burned! its so out of control on that religious holiday!!! The noise stresses me out!

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No one adheres to the rules. We have teens setting them off in our neighbourhood in the middle of the streets and pointing them at people and houses, right in the middle of the summer when it's dry. Not to mention them going off in the middle of the night. It's disrupting and disturbing to so many animals and people. I know neighbours who have directly seen these teens doing it have complained and nothing is done about it. We live across from a catholic elementary school and back into a highschool and anytime near a holiday people go on school property and shoot off fireworks.

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I don't think private use should be totally banned, but I believe they need to be more regulated.

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I'm not against fireworks; they're pretty, can be exciting to watch in proper areas/ times and I grew up with them as a tradition on occasions (ie new years eve, Canada day). But now I feel like people do them just to be obnoxious to neighbours (for example, constantly setting them off every night regardless of rules or occasion just because they feel like it's a right), recognize the risk to pets and the environment and see the dangers it can pose to houses when not done properly.

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Regulations in Kitchener are fine, but that doesn't matter if there is no enforcement. Fines for setting off fireworks outside regulated times and days should be big and enforcement should be vigorous.

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It's important to enforce the regulations we put in place. Lacking enforcement signals that regulations, laws etc. are ignorable, promotes a culture of impunity where only the considerate are constrained by rules. If we can't enforce existing regulations (and we clearly can't, e.g. date and time restrictions on use of fireworks), either fund better enforcement, or admit our limits and focus on more easily enforced regulation.

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I think DRONE LIGHT SHOWS are the way of the future. No fire , no pollution and no danger.

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With the diversity of kw there are too many occasions or holidays where fireworks are being let off, they are going off well after midnight, scaring pets, keeping people awake and leading to friction as people are posting in neighborhood groups about what house they

think its coming from and people jumping on that whether its the right house or not

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Since there is little to no follow up or penalties when people use fireworks in their residential backyards or on residential streets, and really no way to enforce the existing bylaws, it makes sense to ban sale of fireworks to private individuals. Cities or organizations can purchase them through approved vendors or preferably have drone displays instead. The use of fireworks is being abused by inconsiderate people.

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Fireworks should be held at public locations where those who want to attend can attend. It's unfair to have people subjected to fireworks that are being used improperly right outside their window. Many people have small children, pets, or go to bed early themselves and it's unfair to have them subjected to it in such a close proximity if they are not interested. I'd be perfectly happy to see household fireworks banned. I live in North Dumfries Township and have attended their New year's fireworks and it's amazing. Those who want to attend do and have a wonderful time. They are trained and do a great job.

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If we ban fireworks sales people will buy from another community so I don't believe banning sales will make a difference. Education for vendors is great but customers who use fireworks need to understand how to do so safely. I live between two elementary schools and people will set off fireworks in the schoolyards until late at night and for the entire weekend. I have called the police but never bylaw officers because I don't know if they have the authority to stop fireworks.

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Be prepared to actually enforce these rules. I had to call the cops and have them threaten my neighbours with charges to prevent the issue happening again. I also installed a camera outside to document them

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Focus should be the environmental impact of fireworks, including emissions, noise, on animals, resulting garbage. LED light shows could offer an alternative.

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I'm sure I sound like a joy killer but I don't think fireworks have any redeeming features. They're personal explosives for Pete's sake!

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I understand that they are a part of some cultures, however many people setting them off have no care for other's property or safety. People set them off way too close to houses, cars, in the middle of the road, and nothing is done about it. I wish they could apply for a permit to do one large gathering the park, instead of at their houses.

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Fireworks in the right places by professionals are exciting but they are dangerous if used by amateurs . There should be limits on their use

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Putting rules and keeping the availability better than banning

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Most lots in the city are too small for safe use of fireworks. Enforcing the current rules isn't viable for the city, especially given the volume of violations and how they run through the night.

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The use of fireworks beyond 10 or 11pm has gotten out of hand. Last Diwali, fireworks were keeping us up until 2am. If no curfew is going to be enforced , then a total ban on private fireworks is necessary.

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Fireworks should be banned to the public. Allow only by City of Waterloo for Victoria and Canada Days only.

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You listed the negatives yourself... there are FAR more important CONS to consider vs. pros. Just because something is a tradition does not mean it's right. Please do the right thing and stop the sale and permitting of fireworks. People have unlimited other options to explore for celebrating things.

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Extremely fed up with unsafe fireworks being lit off for a week straight every holiday, and until 4am. Last Diwali, my toddler slept from 2:30-4am and THAT WAS IT due to fireworks being lit off next to parked cars in the middle of the street for hours. I saw a man hold one in his hand while it was exploding. It is only a matter of time until we have a serious injury such as losing a hand, or a death in this community. Please PLEASE PLEASE ban personal fireworks.

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Private sales of fireworks are causing the majority of issues. There are (many) people that are not following the laws and regulations regarding the use of fireworks (or even the times they are allowed to

be used). Reporting instances where regulations are not adhered to (such as the regulated times and even days) can be difficult considering the exact location this is happening is not always known. There have been random occurrences of a few fireworks being used at 1-2am. In this situation the person (people) and location aren't even known since it may not last more than a minute or two.

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I feel a complete ban on the sale of fireworks in the region would only result in them being purchased elsewhere and used here anyway.

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Would like it if purchase required a pyrotechnics license. And limited to just a few days, e.g. Canada Day. Not religious holidays.

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My neighbours regularly light off fireworks SO close to our house. It is dangerous and a disturbance. I want to enjoy a great relationship with my neighbours but their constant use of fireworks is incredibly frustrating.

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Private fireworks are completely out of control in the Huron/Williamsburg Cemetery area. My neighbour shot industrial grade fireworks 10 feet from their house, with kids nearby on New Years Eve. Several of them hit my house. There was zero remorse, in fact, they were rude about it and acted like it was their right.

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Just ban the sale of private fireworks and run it through the city if at all.

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I think it's deplorable that we scare animals in our green environments for no reason other than our visual pleasure. This kind of behaviour is considered awful and abhorrent in any other activity.

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I believe that there are other appropriate ways to celebrate than using fireworks. I get distressed about the impact on wildlife and the environment. I've also heard too many incidents of misuse and abuse of fireworks. A ban on the sale and use of fireworks would eliminate the problem.

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People in particular abuse the time and frequency with which they can set off fireworks.

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I enjoy fireworks but there are safer, conscientious, and more modern ways to celebrate. I would love a public/choreographed drone show similar to what they do in japan and China as i think this is just as or even more impressive and much safer to environment and community. Private households should not be able to have private drone shows

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Fireworks make people happy you can use them anytime weather it's for a someone's celebration of life or anything else fireworks always make people feel happy I would be very upset if fireworks get banned.

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There is nothing good or safe about having people set off fireworks within our neighborhood. Houses are so close together that one gust of wind could set multiple houses on fire. They are always set off late and make a ton of noise. My kids are in bed by 8:00 and I'm in bed by 10:00 yet people are allowed to set these off until 11:00 and often do it far later than that here in Eastbridge! They should be 100% banned for personal use. If the city wants to do a big show in one location, safely, go for it but there no justification for doing it near our homes. This causes an uproar on our community pages and I'm quite frankly sick of hearing about it.

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We don't need more regulations, we just need the regulations already on the books to be more adequately enforced. One example may be, being able to use video as grounds for a citation being issued rather than requiring an officer to personally see the offense being committed

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It doesn't matter if there is a complete ban if it's not enforced.

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Ban completely if the City is actually concerned with climate change.

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Fireworks are a nuisance for people who have to go to bed earlier than 11pm, and there is no regulation of who continue to set them off after 11pm. They should only be allowed at public events not at private homes

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Ridiculous archaic practice. Disruptive noise, air pollution, chance for injury or starting a fire. Ban the sale of fireworks and clamp down immediately if any private use observed.

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I don't feel regulations or enforcement will be effective until the Townships have 24/7 bylaw or enter an agreement with the cities to contract bylaw, ensuring someone comes at the time of the event.

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Fine the major, unsafe perpetrators and leave the rest of us to enjoy our fireworks displays and celebrations. Sheesh

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Stay out of it. Fireworks have been around for a very long time to celebrate various occasions and for sport. Everything doesn't need to get politicized and buried under bureaucratic nonsense!

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Fireworks should not be allowed to be set off in backwards and driveways. There also needs to be more enforcement of existing rules as nobody will follow the bylaws if they are not enforced promptly.

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As a parent of little kids and a dog-owner fireworks have been a nuisance and disruptive in our neighborhood. Neighbours have set them off in the street and leaving behind all the garbage. They set them off all hours of the night. There is no respect for others with private display of fireworks anymore.

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Having a permit is a great way to track complaints and gaining additional revenue for the city.

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Please ban the sale of fireworks and the private use. People have proven that they can't be trusted and consistently set them off past 2am for many nights on end.

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Please ban private fireworks use on a non-stat holiday, especially past 9pm, this is ridiculous. 1-2 times a year for publicly setup fireworks that run 10-15 mins on major holidays is fine and is more than enough.

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I have watched drone light displays and they are wonderful without the loud noise and pollution. I believe these type of public displays are a better way forward for celebrations. No loud noises that can scare animals and cause pollution. It seems counter intuitive to still use fireworks when we are constantly being preached at to watch our emissions in order to protect the air quality and environment.

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There should be public fireworks. People should be able to have them locally if there are no civic ones. Violations of the noise bylaws should be treated under noise bylaws, not as a fireworks problem. K, W and C don't need the same bylaws. The popularity of fireworks for Diwali and Chinese New Year get people raging who would never complain about Canada Day, (or Victoria or Labour Day). People should be ashamed for using PTSD as a reason for banning fireworks, it's a few nights a year. And my dog doesn't like fireworks, but also hates the garbage collection. Blocking sales would send the people committed to fireworks out of the area to buy, and might force the dumb kids to find another way to terrorise the neighbourhood.

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It would be fine if people Followed the rules and only let them off on the days allied but that's not the case. They go on all summer long and sometimes very late into the evening. And people leave their garbage everywhere after setting them off. They are very disruptive and not something that belongs in neighbourhoods

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We need public displays in parks again. I do not like them downtown city center and won't attend this one. Cambridges is too busy and takes too long to get home. The current Kitchener bylaw leaves no place for people to set off the fireworks they are allowed to purchase. They are not allowed to be set off in areas with space like parks, they are not allowed to be let of near buildings like subdivisions. You need to tell people where they ARE allowed to set them off. Alternatively, the city should organise them. When they were in parks, teens went in groups to see them instead of wreaking havoc.

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I don't like the noise of fireworks and never have, I'm also doubly against them because of the effect on the environment. I would strongly support a full and complete ban on the sale and use of fireworks!!

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It it time for a change. It is too dry and we are too crowded for this to continue.

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Fireworks remain me of war and death Not fun and family

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I am concerned about the distress for wildlife and people sensitive to explosions plus the risk of injury, especially in the case of private

firework. However, the most important aspect for me is the serious air pollution. All smoke poses a serious health hazard, but fireworks also contain toxins such as mercury that produce the "pretty" colours. Our area is already prone to elevated levels of air pollution, possible because to prevailing air currents, but we absolutely should be doing whatever we can to reduce our risk. Fireworks, and especially at the frequency they currently seem to be occurring in the last few years, are not necessary for existence and need at the very least to be severely restricted, if not banned outright.

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City/public displays of fireworks only. Include additional festivals if necessary to accommodate cultures. Ban sale of fireworks.

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I think people should have to have permits if it is a private fireworks display. It doesn't make sense that anyone is just allowed to buy explosives.

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Bans are always heavy handed, but since it's bedlam now, bans make more sense. However, reducing the number of approved firework days to only Canada Day would be ideal. We're in Canada, it occurs in the summer when people are often on holiday, and kids don't have school. Additionally, if a city/region organized firework show was offered, it would perhaps limit the number of people setting off fireworks in neighborhoods. Diwali, Chinese New Year, and Victoria Day really have no business being "firework" approved.

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While the addition of regulations and education initiatives are great, it is important to enforce the rules. And not show preference for one or two holidays. For example fireworks are not allowed for Sinhalese New Year, but it is allowed on Diwali. Diwali is celebrating the death of a Sinhalese king, this is super disrespectful to your other constituents to allow blatant favouritism in a country that is supposed to be multicultural.

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Strongly support either drone shows or half noiseless fireworks and half noise ones. Think of terrified people and pets. More by law support for people doing illegal home shows to hand out more fines.

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Remove Diwali. As a bylaw officer I see that that day is the number one problem

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Private use of fireworks should be illegal and enforced. Unfortunately that doesn't happen and you get a bunch of people shoot them off at all hours of the day/night. Enforcement is the issue also.

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Fireworks go on too late, and for too many days. It should be every officer on duty for the weekend of fireworks, stationed in neighborhoods where complaints were highest. Tickets and more for those who break the bylaw.

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City of Kitchener used to allow an amazing fireworks display next to the Aud. Insurance companies/expense has killed that. We would appreciate public venues/displays to resume, to stop/slow down the unsafe fireworks happening in backyards and driveways. Even the small display held at our local park was fantastic, and safely done. It is the lack of education/no respect for safety of own life/lives/property damage that scares me the most. The best solution is to bring back public displays. We can have a community outdoor ice rink, why can we not have a safe display of fireworks at our park? Stop changing the laws for the sake of the few hundred complaints, when there are many more that love them.

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Fireworks are a nuisance. They wake up my kids, upset my dog, and often sound like gunfire. I favour limiting their use/availability for national and cultural celebrations.

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The use of fireworks has got out of control with new Canadians celebrating their traditions because they don't think about others and their safety. They leave huge messes behind by not cleaning up.

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I'm not sure if more education, in addition to what is already provided by regulators to the community will be of benefit? I suspect more common sense is needed, in general! Community fireworks are a bad idea! Fireworks in general... are not really that great!

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I get the want to celebrate but it's too disruptive. Fireworks are just not happening in large open fields anymore, it's crowded neighborhoods.

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Personally, I feel the number of days fireworks is allowed is too few. If fireworks can be used for Lunar New Year why not Jan 1 as well? Why not include Easter or Eid al-Fitr as well?

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Municipal or regional bylaws are one thing. This needs to be done province wide. Quebec has banned private fireworks across the province so fireworks are only done on Canadian recognized holidays (not foreign religious holidays not celebrated by the majority of citizens) by professionals on public land and organized by the city they are held in.

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Someone threw a lit firework in my house, police/city did nothing. Ban fireworks.

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Private use of fireworks should be banned. Just this year during Diwali, one of the fireworks hit a window on our house, but people continued setting off fireworks like nothing happened. We got really scared and paranoid but we know that there's nothing we can do as it is allowed. Fireworks should be banned, especially in residential areas.

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Fireworks can be irritating. There have been instances where they were dangerous (eg when the high school kids were aiming at property and people in Victoria Park). I do not feel that this necessitates a ban, especially if you are not going to enforce it. There is also a heavily racialized component to this; many white people hate South Asians and so they hate Divali fireworks. Nobody was complaining when it was just Victoria Day and Canada Day, but once the Indians started celebrating all of a sudden fireworks became a public nuisance.

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The issue isn't the regulations - it's the fact that they aren't enforced. People are lighting fireworks in the streets, on driveways and tiny front yards on days that aren't permitted and public parks are covered with fireworks garbage.

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A firework got into my friend's house through a window when neighbors were setting them off. People lack common sense and don't know how to use fireworks safely. It's frustrating to have them go off for hours—what used to be a quiet area behind Sunrise is now filled with fireworks, even outside of holidays. Fireworks should be restricted to areas far from residential neighborhoods and supervised by professionals.

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Safe quiet alternatives to fireworks now exist. Led light shows can

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replace fireworks for those that need some sort of show. I would also suggest that many of those currently "celebrating" with fireworks don't even know what they're celebrating. Lastly, I do not support extending permission to use fireworks to those celebrating "religious events". This type of activity should be limited to secular historical events. If we start down this road, we could be having fireworks events throughout the year.

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I think fireworks should be banned or at a minimum only be publicly held away from residential neighbourhoods to avoid as much as possible them upsetting animals and people with ptsd

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Private Fireworks should be banned, it's easier and cheaper to enforce a complete ban than to expect certain hours to be effectively enforced. Id prefer a complete ban, but if any fireworks are allowed they should be solely in public displays. Private individuals with pyrotechnics licenses could contact city hall to propose events, but wirhout approval these proposed events would be unsanctioned and heavily fined. Seriously, just ban them, impose heavy fines, threaten criminal charges (at discretion) and this could be done. Its not financially possible to enforce a partial ban that will be effective, and fines can recoup costs of enforcement. I live next to Victoria park and my dogs suffer, my neighbors baby suffers, people have been hit with fireworks in the park and unless they're banned it will be difficult to stop this. Please ban them altogether and impose maximum fines.

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Just do a public display, private fireworks are terrible and the people who set them off are irresponsible about them and have no consideration for their neighbours.

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Fire works should only be done on public lands with a fire department attending to light the fire works or simply for safety if a professional pyrotechnics company is hired for the event. Fireworks purchase can be sponsored by private people or companies but private people should not be able to purchase fireworks. There have been many recent issues with private people purposely injuring others or not using fireworks safely by setting them off in the middle of the street near homes and cars. Fireworks should only be set off on the Victoria Day weekend in May and July 1st. If you allow private entities like places of worship or fall fairs to have fire works, the entity should be required to obtain a permit and conditions placed on the permit requiring insurance, manfatory notice to all property owners within 500 m of the site proof that a trained person will light the fireworks and sign-off by a fire chief. A minimum fine of \$5000 should be

charged for non-compliance without exception.

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Fireworks around Diwali are insane and done by new immigrants who don't care for their community and respecting them, the city should do public firework showings for significant holidays and ban private showings and increase bylaw enforcement.

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Instead of celebrating and being happy during the holidays when fireworks are allowed, I only think about how many hours of sleep I will lose because of the very loud noise made by fireworks. I strongly support completely banning fireworks.

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Attempting to limit time/usage or educate the public will have little impact on improper use of fireworks. As witnessed in Victoria Park, many purchasers of fireworks are bad actors who knowingly endanger the surrounding neighbourhood. The population of the Region is too large to police both the sale and use of fireworks. In terms of cultural/religious significance, the Region has an exemption for Diwali, but many large States in India have permanent bans on fireworks, due to pollution and noise concerns. We should be proactive in banning the use before we are forced to revisit this topic in the future, when the use of fireworks for cultural purposes is even more entrenched. I would support centralized public fireworks displays but ban on private sales and use. The last two years have shown the trajectory of fireworks usage; my opinion is that the size of Region and lack of enforcement of bylaws will continue to be a gating factor towards the proper use of fireworks.

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My home is only 3 ft away from the property on each side of me. And I have had neighbors who have lit fireworks in their backyards and I heard what came back down landing on the roof of my home. It's gotten way out of hand and nothing is done about it. Fireworks seem to be every weekend now from May until snow. If you call bylaws they won't do anything about it. I don't believe in them for religious reasons, how can that be explained? The only day that I ever thought they should be used was Canada Day and on that day only, not all weekend. In an environment where they are controlled by professionals not people drinking or careless. In my neighborhood, they're lit at 11 pm and later. Ridiculous. I think they should be banned in private use.

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If fireworks are banned in Kitchener then the gypsy vendors in and around the area must face large fines and confiscation.. There must

be much more enforcement and fines issued related to these fireworks.

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I love to set fireworks

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Get rid of fireworks please. Last Diwali it stressed my cat out so much it affected his ability to urinate and he needed to be hospitalized and we were stuck with a \$3000 vet bill. Not only that, they cause air pollution, they scare and kill wildlife which is cruel and they are a major Fire and Safety Hazard. I will 100% support a total ban.

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Fireworks are also harmful for our environment, our pets and surrounding wildlife. They're disruptive, dangerous and a total waste of money that could be used to improve our community.

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The last couple of years have been pretty bad in terms of fireworks. Apart from the pollution, there were people bursting firecrackers at odd hours. I understand that it could bring joy to them but doing that at the cost of disrupting people's sleep, giving grief to pets/ animals, etc. does not seem worth it. Fireworks should be done safely by the region and it could help bring the community together. Fireworks for private use should be banned.

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The complete disregard for public safety and respect for fellow neighbours these past few years has totally ruined my family's enjoyment of fireworks. The amount of stupid behaviour with use of fireworks I witnessed last year was shocking. Strongly, strongly, strongly in favour of total ban on private fireworks with strict enforcement.

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Education of usage is the key. Accidents happen, being prepared out of precaution prevents any accidents.

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We have been dealing with firework issues in our neighbourhood and region for too many years now. The number of complaints and lack of bylaw officers and resources to do anything about these complaints is frustrating to say the least. We know fireworks are terrible for the environment, wildlife, pets and disturb our neighbours. Now that we know better it is time for the region to do better and ban them completely. I support a complete ban on sales and use in the region.

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Need enforcement, people don't follow the rules that currently exist but suffer no consequences.

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I'm tired of hearing them at 2 am regardless of whatever regulations and restrictions exist. They're stressful for animals and children. And they're harmful for the environment.

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We don't need fireworks in 2025. We know better. Fireworks are terrible for the environment. We have to try and save idiots from themselves. I don't care if it's "tradition".

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There are a few households in my neighbourhood who use fireworks excessively. If I had not experienced the nuisance from large fireworks being set off nearby frequently- I would not object. I think anything beyond sparklers is not my preference.

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Ban it. Very bad for animals and environment. Creates a mess and people are not respectful when they use them

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Regulation is not as much the issue but rather enforcement of the regulations. I enjoy a fireworks display but in recent years private fireworks are going off around our neighborhood very late into the night/early in the morning (between 1am-4am) and for several days in a row. Also New Years Eve/Day should be a fireworks allowed day, very odd that it is excluded.

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The problem with right and wrong is enforcing it on those who disagree with you.

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a complete and total ban is the only thing that will help. i appreciate kitchener trying to limit allowable days but there is not enough being done to actually prevent illegal firework displays. most neighbourhoods are not safe for private fireworks as yards are too small and homes too close together - this leads to fireworks being lit off in the streets and public parks where people are walking etc. the burden on bylaw officers and police officers is not sustainable. it is 2025 - we know enough about the dangers of fireworks - how are we still acting like individuals (or even cities) igniting literal explosives off is good for anyone? we know the effects on the environment, the destruction it causes local wildlife, and the panic it causes pets and

humans with noise phobias. it poses a stress on our local humane societies & animal rescues, too, with the amount of lost pets after a pet has gotten scared and run away. Again i ask can we keep ignoring this? it's disgraceful.

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More regulation is not the root cause of current issues. Inadequate enforcement actually is.

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If you do nothing else, maybe try policing those setting off fireworks illegally

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There should be more bylaw or police on holidays to keep people following the allowed hours rules. My biggest complain is that people do not follow allowed times/days for fireworks and no one is held accountable so they just keep breaking the rules and don't care about others around.

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I have very few issues with fireworks in general. Although, the amount of individuals who deem it appropriate to light them off at 2:30 am on a Tuesday needs to be reduced. Bylaws are already in place but enforcement is basically non existent.

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I live in the Victoria Park neighbourhood. A ban of fireworks is the only thing that will stop what we have experienced in the last two summers involving fireworks.

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As a kid, I loved fireworks displays. As an adult, I'm much more educated on the issues surrounding fireworks and believe they should be banned in our region. Where I live, I have seen consistent abuse of fireworks regulations as-is. Fireworks for hours at a time, outside of specified days, I have seen fireworks go into neighbours backyards, I have seen mess left behind after fireworks. Perhaps worst of all is that I live in an area with a significant wildlife population and I fear the effect it has on them. I know several people in our neighbourhood who have dogs that hide for days afterwards. Fireworks are extremely unnecessary and though I've called to report on multiple occasions, I've never received follow-through. I do believe the sale of fireworks should be banned, I believe all fireworks should be banned entirely and it should be strictly enforced. We are a more evolved society and things like public drone shows could be a good replacement. There are many other ways to bring people together that are safer and far less harmful.

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If regulations become stricter but you still can't have effective enforcement, the issues will probably remain.

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It's time to ban all fireworks. They are detrimental to the environment.

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Fireworks, if they must happen should only be done by licensed, trained companies. Get them out of the hands of non-licensed people.

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We have great alternatives to fireworks now. There is obviously a good reason to adopt them, since the terrors that fireworks create in animals, wild and domesticated, is documented and widely known. The terrors that fireworks cause in humans of all ages and demographics is documented and widely known. The climate in today's society has caused some to adopt fireworks as weapons to others. This discord and continuous conversations around fireworks is only ramping up. One would hardly be politically affected by a decision to ban fireworks, if an alternative is available. It is. The pain and agony suffered by many, is hardly an acceptable sacrifice for 15 minutes of fun. It's time for do the right thing.

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We live in Waterloo part time (through the week, usually not here on weekends) so generally, fireworks are not an issue for us. In saying that, in my experience, hearing fireworks set off in our neighbourhood can be scary when not expecting it - especially when it is off hours, and I don't have trust in the people who are setting them off to do it safely.

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Private users can no longer be relied upon to use fireworks in a way that is not disruptive or dangerous. Further, they distress pets and urban wildlife. It's time to put this old tradition away. Ban the use; ban the sale.

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People shouldn't be allowed to do any type of fireworks at their residence. I have neighbours who let them off at all hours and any day they wish. Being they let off fireworks so close to my house I am afraid my house will go up in flames. I fear for my son with a disability won't be able to get out of the house if it catches fire. He uses a wheelchair. People don't care about any rules that are made they do what they want. By the time a complaint is made they are finished. Also hard to figure out what neighbour is setting off the fire works.

Kids have no respect for rules are shooting fireworks in public places as we saw last year with them shooting fireworks at people. Time to ban fireworks.

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We could just be using drones instead of fireworks and there would be little to no downsides. My cats are stressed for days after fireworks go off and I feel so bad for the veterans who are struggling with PTSD. The people who are setting off fireworks too late in the evening would probably keep doing so unless there was more enforcement of these restrictions.

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Parks are also ALWAYS a problem with people living nearby, including young people at hours even well into the early morning and on days before during and after allowed. We get burned out fireworks on our roof and in our yard. If you have rules then you HAVE TO HAVE ENFORCEMENT- and THAT matter. The air quality is very much affected- after residential neighborhoods have there own, not only prevents sleep, but causes anger and upset. Also can easily see pollution in air and smell comes in through windows- for people like me with chronic respiratory illnesses, this becomes a medical issue- PLEASE BAN THEM ALL. NOT EVEN RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS NEED THIS - they can adapt. Public Stop this.

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Ban fireworks on Diwali

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building lots are too small to contain them properly. People do what they want because there are no consequences.

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In Scandinavia, their fireworks are silent so that the noise is not hard on animals and people who suffer from the noise etc. I suffer from ptsd and I suffer for hours. It's awful. But there is ZERO enforcement. Which is a big part of the problem. People just don't care bc they know they won't be caught. In Breslau, we made national news bc of fireworks going off in the street around cars and people and into homes. and you know what???? It happened the very next night too. But no by law and no police were in the area to make sure it didn't happen again. My own neighbour lights them off behind his house across the retaining pond. He leaves all of the garbage there for it just to blow away. This includes the sulphur and magnesium pieces, all the paper and all the debris. It's a problem. But no one cares.

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The restrictions in place are only as good as the enforcement. And

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we have seen time and time again that people dont care and cops dont have the will/resources to enforce. A blanket ban with criminal charges is the only way to course correct at this point

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People celebrating religious holidays should have to adhere to bylaws. Too many times they set fireworks into the early hours of the morning. They should not be above the law and should follow our local bylaws. People have to sleep!

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The disruptions and potential harm to people and animals is not worth the benefits that some people gain from getting together to watch them

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None of the restrictions will matter if enforcement isn't increased.

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Don't seem to have this issue with any other holidays except for Diwali. Last year was outrageous and the disrespect of setting fireworks off at 3am was horrible. Start fining these people. Don't take fireworks away from everyone else who has been following the rules forever. It's only on this holiday that we are having issues and it's not fair for the residents of KW who have lived here their entire lives. Columbia day fireworks were amazing by the way; sad that is gone.

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I think limiting fireworks for only public fireworks shows should be allowed. Private/household fireworks should be banned. There's too many people who don't respect the current by-laws, injuries, distress to animals and people. It's safer for the region to only allow firework displays to be done for the public (example, City of Kitchener's Canada Day fireworks show, New Dundee's Victoria Day firework show, etc.).

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Hello. I just wanted to let you know I'm in my 30s and grew up with fireworks. After education and having rescue dogs myself, I understand the negative implications fireworks have on our dogs, wildlife and the environment. It is simply not worth it for our pleasure. There are other ways we can "have fun". I personally think they should be banned. We are destroying our planet and need to preserve what we can, when we can.

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Why Old Fireworks Should Be Replaced, Promite Modern Alternatives! 1. Air Pollution: Traditional fireworks release harmful

chemicals (e.g., sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide, and heavy metals) into the air, worsening air quality. 2. Noise Pollution: Loud fireworks disturb humans, pets, and wildlife, causing stress and even physical harm. 3. Environmental Damage: Residue from fireworks, such as non-biodegradable debris, contaminates soil and water sources. 4. Health Hazards: Firework smoke contains particulate matter that can cause respiratory issues, especially for vulnerable populations. 5. Wildlife Impact: Birds, small animals, and other wildlife are highly sensitive to the noise and bright flashes, often leading to disorientation or injury. Governments can implement gradual bans on old fireworks, starting with restrictions in urban areas or during non-essential celebrations, and can transition to modern alternatives. [Promote Modern Alternatives] 2.A) Drone Light Shows: Highly customizable, synchronized displays that eliminate noise and pollution. 2.B) Laser and Projection Mapping: Use of high-tech light systems to create dazzling visuals on buildings or in the sky. 2.C) AR/VR Experiences: Augmented reality fireworks viewed via apps or VR headsets can mimic the experience without physical impacts. [Public Awareness Campaigns] 3.A) Educate citizens on the harmful effects of traditional fireworks through schools, media, and community events. 3.B) Subsidize technology such as drones or laser systems for public use. 3.C) Regulate Sales and Usage 3.D) Enforce strict regulations OR COMPLETE BAN on the sale and use of old fireworks, requiring permits and restricting them in sensitive zones (e.g., wildlife areas, schools, hospitals). [Celebrate Tradition Creatively] 4.A) Collaborate with cultural leaders to design celebrations that respect traditions while prioritizing sustainability.

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Even with reducing the number of days fireworks can be sold, without proper enforcement it means nothing. People would not care about firework safety education, they'd just do what they want since there's no repercussions anyways

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I only support an 100% ban on them, with police actually enforcing it.

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As we are reaching critical points of concern for wildfires, climate change and air pollution I think it is time to find other spectacular displays such as light displays to replace fireworks. As much as there clearly are benefits to fireworks displays, it is time for them to be left in the past by embracing a new approach using current technology,

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Fireworks cause distress to people living with conditions such as PTSD and cause enormous distress in animals, both pets and wildlife. If fireworks are still allowed in Kitchener there should be more

restricted hours, more communications on the lead-up to fireworks holidays such as mail leaflets, and more enforcement of the bylaws.

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Bylaw should be fining people who set off fireworks. Not just the person lighting them, but everyone in attendance. Confiscate the fireworks when going to a complaint; publicly name them with photos; massive fines, increase the fines each time; sentence them to public park clean ups, trail clean up; all whilst wearing a banner which tells us all what they did.

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No one will listen if you just put new "regulations", it needs to be banned completely and a hefty fine if you set off them.

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I don't think this should be allowed at all in side city limits

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I don't think they are safe for individuals to use and therefore should not be sold. When I hear them in my neighbourhood, I have no idea if they are being used safely. Having firework displays limited to those run by the city or region where a professional is in charge of setting them off is the only place they should be used. I have become more convinced of this in recent years as I see far too many news articles about people using them as weapons against others.

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Fireworks are a beautiful thing that brings people together and spread happiness among the community. I personally think th to

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Keep community event held and monitored by people with professional experience. Get rid of private events, they are far too dangerous and bothersome to all community members.

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Fireworks have gotten out of control. People light them not even 5ft from houses and past hours they are permitted. The rules are not followed nor are they enforced. So, let's not do it anymore if we cant handle it.

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I wish there could be a provincial ban on fireworks except for licenced, public events.

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In private house area they are too close together to be having

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fireworks going off risk of fire is to risky.

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I've has foreworks set off right next to my apartment tower. When they explode 8 floors in the air, it happens right outside my 8th floor window. We need designated spaces for family fireworks and strict enforcement, maybe patrols on firework days

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Ultimately I think fireworks are great fun and should be enjoyed by as many people as possible, but I also find that are are some individuals that set them off whenever they want instead of around the designated days and I know that upsets more people. If fireworks are every fully outlawed then there needs to be way more public displays of fireworks so that people won't try to do their own.

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The risk/reward ratio for fireworks is more severe than other forms of public spectacle

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Private fireworks are nothing but a nuisance (at best) and an extreme hazard (at worst). Please make their sale illegal and actually enforce when people call in about their misuse.

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Fireworks are very distressing to animals, and disruptive to shift workers. I fully support city public displays to encourage community, and oppose private displays.

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There is a strong nostalgia to fireworks but they don't suit our current social or environmental reality. It's time for a ban.

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Fireworks should not be permitted to be set off or sold on and around Diwali. It seems to be that's where most of the concerns come from in my experience. The entire week before and after they're being set off, and police and bylaw don't do anything about it

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I would be happy to have a complete ban on fireworks. Light displays are the way forward.

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Good survey. The right questions for sure. We need more public knowledge about fireworks, and enforcement of rules needs to be addressed.

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Limiting fireworks displays to the days/weekends of Canada Day and Victoria Day would be good. Increased policing during public shows in areas known for people lighting fireworks off in and at crowds.

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The vocal groups of people who dislike fireworks use the arguments about pets, and noise as their anchor, these same people also disapprove of immigration - viewing the complaints on reddit their is a direct correlation of those that are vocal against and also have agendas against newcomers. They hand wring about the animals and think of the animals etc while espousing negative perceptions about newcomers. As with anything in life, abuse of something can happen, but education is the answer to solve the issues, not an outright ban.

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So many cities across the globe decided to step away from fireworks, it's time we follow suit. It's so disruptive to individuals with special needs or PTSD, it's devastating for animals and our environment. Please consider completely banning fireworks and look into alternatives like laser or drone shows. Thank you!

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Fireworks are in the same category as any other commodity that can be used for good or ill. As they are not inherently harmful, to ban or limit their use is an infringement on the freedoms of citizens. Additionally, they are a traditional means of celebrating events important to Canada. To restrict their use unduly is a deliberate attack against my culture in my own country.

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Fireworks are a great way to celebrate and wonderful family event. As for pets, it's no different than a thunderstorm and they have been done for decades prior. They should have specific hours of use of course, which by-law should enforce when they are set off late at midnight or later and that's the only time I considered filing a compliant (1 am).

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too much attention is paid to the vocal minority. We are slowly creating and moving toward a community of zero tolerance toward his fellow neighbor.

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We often hear fireworks a week before and a week after the permitted date, and they are in gardens which do not meet with by-law requirements

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Fireworks have many negative effects as have been highlighted by this survey. I understand why people enjoy them but I don't think that's enough justification to use them and we can always find other, healthier ways to celebrate.

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I am all for a complete ban of fireworks. With the technology we have now (i.e. drones) there are other way to celebrate occasions that don't cause distress to people and animals.

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Reduce number of days of sale, restrict hours can set off fireworks and enforce.

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I would love to bring back City firework displays. There no longer is a public Victoria Day or Canada Day fireworks show. Therefor,e ppl are doing them on their own.

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I believe the current regulations are fine. The problem is in education and having the appropriate number of and people to do enforcement. The fireworks that light up the sky in a public space are not the problem. The person that sets off noise makers in their backyard at 1 a.m. are and they are very difficult to catch.

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Fireworks should not be allowed in areas that are heavily populated. Even with the greatest care, accidents happen and I don't believe the private firing off of fireworks should be allowed at all. A few days a year would be acceptable for community and neighborhood locations with trained individuals and a suitable, safe area. Very young children should not be awakened and crying and my dog should not be quivering under my bed. Neither understands and it can be scary with the noise and the lights. If fireworks are used for private, special occasions only, that opens a huge door. Fireworks were used for the King's or Queen's birthdays or country celebrations, not every birthday, holiday, or religious celebration, and especially not at 11:30 pm.

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My principal concerns are misuse - as with the episode in Victoria Park where citizens were shot at with fireworks fairness - we should permit use by various communities, e.g. Diwali, but we don't want to be allowing fireworks excessively often, so a balance must be struck. If you can't find a balance, maybe outlaw home-use fireworks.

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People who shoot off fireworks late at night have always existed and were always disrespectful. There should be strong repercussions, as there aren't any right now and there are many repeat offenders. Diwali.... if that's what we want to call 7 days of constant unsafe fireworks 24 hours a day is an entire other problem. For Diwali people go on the sidewalk or short small driveway and set off fireworks to the street and sidewalks with walking pedestrians, cars, and other houses very close by. The disrespect is tremendous and there is no end to it, it's after 11 pm, it's as early as 5 pm for days, every family member gets traumatized and can't wait for it to end, and it's obvious the many many people participating could care less how it affects others around them. Also, I don't want pollution on the street for days on end from fireworks. The lot size of the house should be considered, as people in townhouse, homes nearby, have no business shooting off strong fireworks. Should be able to get a permit for a park in that case or elsewhere. Of course, clean up after, which is also not done. Parks where little kids and babies play are usually full of trash from fireworks after Diwali. Strong fines should exist to encourage people to educate themselves on the bylaw, no need for warning notices first. First time it's done, ticket. Doesn't matter what holiday, hour etc.

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Police need to properly enforce the rules. Also no police don't need more money to do this. They get enough in their gigantic budget already.

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I think designation specific areas in subdivisions where fireworks can be set off would be beneficial. Most people's backyards are too small and cause damage/pollution to neighbors during houses. Areas like school fields, parks or trails that are a specific distance from people's home would be ideal. I'm not opposed to people setting off fireworks, though on school nights it would be nice if the time limit was decreased to 9:30 pm and not 11:00 pm.

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This is a tempest in a teapot.

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Fireworks should ONLY be allowed on days celebrated by all Canadians: - New Year - Victoria Day - Canada Day No fireworks on Christmas, Diwali, or other religious days. No private displays should be allowed with the exception for community associations obtaining a permit to use on public properties such as parks.

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What's the point in increasing restrictions of when people set them off if people aren't abiding by/no one is enforcing the current rules? I

can't see a solution other than banning all sales (and hope surrounding regions/the province will do the same)

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I support a complete ban on all Fireworks used privately or in community or public places. The time to use Fireworks has gone. Replace them with light shows or other technology.

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Community fireworks events and Private fireworks events have been happening for many years in Waterloo Region. I have personally attended many events from the time i was a child. I found that they brought the whole community together and i have made life long friends at these events. We also host a backyard display every year and most of my neibours attend. It is a great time for the children to bond. To be honest, i think our modern society caters to much to the negative people who are over bareing with their ideas of keeping things to safe. people need to learn by making mistakes not by being held back and not being allowed to do things because of a slight danger. Growing up as a child in the 80's we were outside playing all day and had to be home when the street lights turned on. My peer's and I all grew up intact with all of our fingers and toes and we aren't afraid of natural hazards. Really, i am generally concerned for todays generation growing up not knowing how to do things on their own.

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Household fireworks would be fine if everyone followed the rules, but it is clear that they don't, and the few bad apples ruin things for everyone.

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I love watching fireworks! The usual alternative is drone shows, and unfortunately the ones I've seen in Waterloo Region are mediocre at best. Fireworks have an environmental concern, but I think it's outweighed by the joy and sense of community that they bring.

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I don't feel strengthening or changing bylaws will do anything. Individual use is next to impossible to enforce. There has been occasions of people in my neighbourhood trying to "catch" those setting them off etc. I think this attempt to get evidence or report is making things even more unsafe and creating neighbourhood strife. I believe any changes have to be in the sale of the fireworks. Sale only to groups/ events with a permit. People can watch public shows. People love fireworks but given how many problems they are now causing I think they would be better restricted to public events / gatherings or clubs with a permit. Used away from homes and advertised so people can choose whether or not to participate.

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The regulations themselves are reasonable, but the problem is that people are not following the regulations and it doesn't seem that there are any consequences, due to lack of enforcement. Banning the sale of fireworks and their private use might be the only way to reduce the problem.

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Please do not cancel the things that bring many people joy

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Increase enforcement rather than add more regulations that will not be enforced adequately.

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Invest in Drone shows or do more public fireworks shows with reasons to people to actually attend (eg infrastructure support - like places to park, buy food, increase public transit during those times, etc). PUNISH people who set fireworks off in residential areas or aim them at people.

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As a working person, private fireworks are annoying after 11 PM, let alone 3 AM. My wife sleeps at 8PM due to an early job, and even with earplugs and all windows closed, the fireworks are disruptive to us and our pets. If it were one day a year it would not warrant a response. However, it's probably more than a dozen days a year, where fireworks are intermittent between sundown and 3 AM. Our family enjoys having an open window in the spring and summer but feel forced to shut ourselves in so we can be disturbed less. There is no fully escaping the disturbance. I would be supportive of a full private fireworks ban for a year, something that could be renewed every year depending on public opinion of it at the time. Right now, it's too much. We are currently unable to trust private citizens to be responsible.

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There must be enforcement. More regulations without enforcement are a waste of time and money.

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It is more about enforcement of existing regulations than adding new ones. The bylaws are there, I get enforcing it tough, but more laws saying the same thing isn't going to change behaviours

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Fireworks are an important part of creating memories, celebrating, family time. We have made so many memories with our children and friends around fireworks. We used to get the whole street together to do them as a group. Public fireworks are one of the few free events left for families, especially those who don't own a home. In Waterloo we're not allowed back yard fires to roast marshmallows, cities are banning tobogganing, street hockey, now fireworks? Use enforcement to manage the bad actors but don't ban fireworks, that is taking the easy way out. Nervous dogs are not a good reason to take fireworks away. For the few times fireworks are allowed in a year, the cranky people should get over it. They are the same people who complain about noise, parking, speed on their quiet street. You should ask more young people. Even ask the kids.

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Unfortunately, with the current state of enforcement, it might make more sense to stop sale of fireworks in the region altogether.

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There should be rules especially for private and household fireworks gatherings/celebrations. They have to take permissions and appropriate approvals from city, police and most important the fire department. Fire dept must be present at all private fireworks gatherings. Without these conditions, permits and approvals private fireworks must not be allowed. Cannot cause issues for fellow Canadians in the name of religion, religious beliefs and religious festivals. If events are done after taking permits and approvals then there will be planning and it will be systematic since our police and fire departments are involved in their planning. There will be discipline

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There are many ways to celebrate. Explosives are not required and are an antiquated form of celebration. Private fireworks are also a Massive Disruption to the neighbourhood. Controlled public fireworks displays that end at a reasonable time are acceptable. Drone Shows would be excellent.

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Though I do enjoy watching private fireworks, with the news that these are now being aimed at people for nefarious reasons, I now strongly support bans of private fireworks. I'd gladly pay an extra dollar or so in municipal taxes to have fireworks a public event for the 3 - 4 times a year, but also make those public events accessible to more people. UW July 1st was wonderful, but I'd rather see smaller designated venues in 5 or 6 places throughout kw that could host at the same time and we'd be a bit more dispersed and still enjoy a nice

evening...not sure that's a possibility. I look forward to fireworks a couple of times a year, don't mind a ban on private fireworks but hopefully never public fireworks displays (would also not want to have to pay at the door to see public...they should be "free" to see). Thanks for letting us have some input! Whatever you decide best will be good. :)

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I feel like my main issue is people shooting them at eachother. During public celebrations just have more police in parks. One issue I did have was a firework going off beside my ear while I was trying to sleep because I lived in a high-rise and people were shooting them between the building. Maybe ban their use on public property or near tall buildings

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1/28/2025 09:57 AM

Fireworks have gotten out of control. People are letting them off in the streets, close to homes. I don't believe they should be able to be bought by the public. I wish alternatives such as drone shows/light shows would be popular. Maybe a contest to highlight them?

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Fireworks are horrible and loud and disruptive and selfish as the noise travels farther than the view of the display.

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If fireworks were banned altogether, no one can complain about cultural, religious or traditional favouritism and hopefully less enforcement is needed for those who use fireworks despite a ban. If the environment matters so much, this should also be considered an easy fix.

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1/28/2025 10:07 AM

I enjoy fireworks as much as the next person, but they should be done by organized professionals who can do it safely.

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1/28/2025 10:11 AM

Just ban the private use of them. Drone shows can do the same thing without the waste associated with fireworks.

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1/28/2025 10:11 AM

Fireworks have been around for a long time and we have not had any serious incidents in the Region to my knowledge. You can educate people more, but we need to stop over regulating everything in our community. It is a waste of public taxpayer dollars and only caters to the few vocal voices that tend to complain about everything.

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1/28/2025 10:16 AM

This needs to stop. Personal fireworks are causing so much distress that it makes me not happy living here. My family deserves to feel peaceful

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1/28/2025 10:17 AM

The last choices for question 15 not visible. Fireworks are a major contribution to many religions. Complaining about unauthorized private use almost guarantees retaliation from the party involved. Family tradition etc. I assisted in a public fireworks display, by trying to keep walkers away from the firing area. Despite warning signs, how dare I stop them from using public parks ?? Why would a dog owner take their pet to a public fireworks display, when it is obviously very scared ? Mind your own business etc.

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1/28/2025 10:18 AM

Regulations are powerless without enforcement. The commitment should be to enforce before one moment is spent on changing regulations. The existing regulations are adequate. Enforcement is non existent. Change that and the problem goes away.

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1/28/2025 10:18 AM

For our family, our biggest issue has to do with Diwali fireworks. I find them to be the most disruptive. I appreciate the inclusion of other cultural traditions (although I don't understand why Chinese New Year is not included), however, the most disruptive time of the year in terms of fireworks for myself and my family is around Diwali. We hear fireworks for days on end, from multiple sources, going to all hours of the night, which is not the typical experience around Canada Day and May 24 (there may be the odd firework on an off day or at a late hour around those holidays but it's not nearly as bad as around Diwali). Separately, when I was a child my father would set off fireworks in our (very large) backyard and taught us the importance of proper fireworks safety and handling, and I therefore feel this should be prioritized everywhere across the province. Fireworks can be a beautiful and fun tradition when treated with respect.

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If call in a complaint (who to ???). What is the expected response time ? If more than a few minutes local fireworks are over, therefore no individual to charge.

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1/28/2025 10:21 AM

Fireworks are terrible for pets and wild animals, as well as the environment. They are also incredibly dangerous to people and property and should be illegal to sell to the public. They should only be purchased and used by licensed professionals for permitted displays in a sanctioned area away from where people and animals may be exposed to them...somewhere people CHOOSE to go and

experience them if they wish to do so and aren't forced to endure them in their own homes.

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1/28/2025 10:23 AM

Put on large public fireworks displays and slowly integrate drone shows so people get used to them. Look at what other countries do. We used to live in Germany and NYE fireworks lasted all night and city crews cleaned up, it was early part of the city budget to ensure it got done. It's not without flaws, but it is celebratory and fun.

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1/28/2025 10:26 AM

Please ban fireworks for everyone. It offers no value and causes far too much harm. They need to go.

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Fireworks are very unnecessary. They have been proven to disrupt wildlife and are bad for the environment. They are also disruptive to many. One public display done by township is enough.

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They should not be allowed to be set off on a residential property for the safety of neighbouring structures. Open areas like park should be allowed.

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We reached a tipping point in 2024, especially when police and others were attacked with fireworks at Victoria Park.

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I feel fireworks should not be made available to the public. Small (very small) fireworks such as sparklers would be the exception. I support only a city/regional display of fireworks, but only if it is in the budget to do so.

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I think official public fireworks displays are fine. I could see these as managed/run by the city, and/or with limited permits given out to large established organizations. I strongly support bans of sales to the general public, clearly people aren't follow the rules on permitted hours/day, and the public is handling fireworks irresponsibly by allowing minors get their hands on them and terrorize the public.

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we need to be better educated then those who oppose , opposition has No ACCREDATION , if we become more licenced , better chance we have

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Animals, people and the environment all suffer. We hear private fireworks well past 11:00 p.m . but why call when hard to say where they are being set off and how long it would take to have authorities arrive and is this really what we need to be chasing? All a huge waste of money, time and energy.

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Think fireworks should only go off on Canada Day

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Stricter enforcement against misuse of fireworks is needed. We do not need more incidents like what occurred at Victoria Park in Kitchener last summer, with individuals aiming fireworks at crowds, etc.

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Strongly support ban of fireworks, they are disruptive and disrespectful to the environment as well as people with PTSD and pets. Fireworks are set off outside of designated days and those discharging claim ignorance. debris from diwali fireworks are still scattered d throughout the forested areas and roads in my neighborhood. I DREAD the allowed days for fireworks as it greatly disrupts my household. A designated are for public fireworks would more than suffice

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1/28/2025 10:47 AM

While I accept that fireworks are fun and celebratory, especially for some cultures/religions, the flagrant disregard for bylaws and safety has become a serious issue in the last couple of years. Particularly in high density neighbourhoods, there is no safe or lawful place to set them off, but people ignore rules and cause damage, garbage and set off at all hours of day/night. I guess the only way to stop or reduce is to limit vendors.

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1/28/2025 10:48 AM

I live in downtown Kitchener. Fireworks are frequently being used as weapons. I have seen families with young children running away from fireworks being shot off in all directions to avoid being hit, injured or killed. Fireworks are purposely shot at buildings, vehicles and trees. People are not using fireworks responsibly and certainly not for entertainment purposes. The misuse of fireworks is getting worse. A complete ban makes the rules clear and simple for public safety officials to enforce, and would help keep the community safe. The public are not able to use fireworks responsibly. Cities and professional technicians can set up safe public events for people to enjoy.

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1/28/2025 10:50 AM

Fireworks should only be used to celebrate Canadian Holidays. It's getting out of hand, but this is a result of multiculturalism. My husband's Nigerian, there is over 200 tribes in Nigeria. Can you image if we start allowing every single culture to celebrate there stuff? This is Canada. I paid 600k for a house in a nice neighbourhood for Indians to set off fireworks on our street on Remembrance Day.

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It's incredibly disruptive to have private fireworks set off at all hours during holidays, and they're never done safely, nor do they usually clean up after themselves - and the show is over before bylaw gets there. I appreciate that bylaw was proactively handling shows last year (my neighbour was discouraged from continuing to shoot off fireworks in the parking lot of the building, right outside windows and within feet of dry trees, by being told that they were handing out substantial fines), but it would be far better if private fireworks were not allowed - or if so, with a dedicated permit, and acknowledgement of safety risks. There's been too many cases recently of people setting off fireworks at people or buildings to the point where I don't even risk going outside on nights when we'll expect private fireworks shows anymore.

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Don't ban or increase regulations. We hardly get to do fireworks every year so please don't take it away!

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Keep fireworks around! They are great and our family loves them!

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It's only been since the big influx of Indians when they light off fireworks on the street during all hours during Diwali.

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I doubt a ban would actually work, and would just push sales & use out of the eye of public safety. Much better to educate people and provide opportunity for safe celebration.

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Around the time of fireworks, I become anxious. Anxious for my dog who has reactions and anxious for myself because of the amount of fireworks being set off in the park behind us. It goes on for hours and well past midnight and on days before the holiday. They are not to be set off in public places. These regulations are not monitored. You can add regulations, promote regulations but if noone monitors, what good does that do? I pay taxes too and I am kept up at all hours, while these people disrespect our public park. Why not have extra bylaw officers to monitor on the these days? Yes, I've called...my

neighbours have called and it just continues with noone helping us...

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Basically, in a time of serious climate warming, we need to reduce our use of any combustible materials and their impact on the environment, air quality and potential fire risk during hot, dry weather. I would prefer that private fireworks are prohibited and public fireworks are limited to several sites within any given municipality (perhaps 1 or 2 sites within Waterloo Region).

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I don't think having other cultural holidays allowed to use fireworks does anything but perpetuate bad behaviour. Diwali doesn't use fireworks in India so shouldn't need them here. They've caused absolute chaos.

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I think we need stronger enforcement for people breaking the rules (time of day or the legal days). Id support people needing a license to set off fireworks.

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I enjoy fireworks, but I don't need them. Growing up, fireworks were not readily available and in many cases illegal for personal/household use. This seems reasonable to me. I would applaud a regional ban, but I also think that would have muted effects if other regions do not follow suit.

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Fireworks are loud, dangerous, and only impressive when used by professionals. They should not be allowed for public sale. Any use by the public should involve fines. While a small number of incidents shouldn't spoil the fun for others, it is not enough to hope that individuals will make the right choice. The repeated use of fireworks as weapons in Victoria Park should be enough to warrant a ban on their sale to the public: <https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/victoria-park-shut-down-canada-day-due-to-reports-of-fireworks-being-shot-at-people-1.6947862> Julie Wright of Ward 7 also expressed her displeasure about being shot at: <https://x.com/WrightWard7/status/1807970905311596678> The use of fireworks should only be allowed by professionals within Waterloo Region. Given these concerns, I strongly encourage a ban on the public sale of fireworks and to enforce strict penalties for unauthorized use. This would not only enhance public safety but also ensure that celebrations involving fireworks are conducted in a controlled and safe manner.

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I believe and enjoy a good, well planned, safe fireworks show. Perhaps treating the sale and purchase of fireworks similar to alcohol. Location, age restrictions for sale and purchase of fireworks. Training programs to earn certificate to show retailers . Require a training course to allow purchase of fireworks. Similar to a driver license.

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Ban all private fireworks. Do not waste any additional resources on further regulations or permits. Enforce the ban aggressively with active patrols during high periods of activity during national and religious events.

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As someone who used to attend fireworks displays regularly as a child, I firmly believe they are a net negative. There are better ways to celebrate. At the very least, keep fireworks very contained. Private displays are far too frequent and disruptive. Also, the people who do "private" displays in municipal parks always leave garbage behind. It's unsustainable and irresponsible. Just like a bad driver who loses their privilege to their license to operate a vehicle, our citizens have proven that the public cannot be trusted to use fireworks responsibly, and this privilege needs to be taken away.

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I cant always tell where the fireworks are coming from so I don't know how to file a complaint if I cannot locate the source. Example - New Years Eve 2025 - fireworks from midnight - 12:30 (area of Nith River Court). I don't want to hear fireworks during that time and do not know how to get it to stop

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In this day and age when we are dealing with a climate crisis, and a lack of respect for property and human/animal life, I believe explosives-as-celebration is irresponsible and ignorant. Professionally-hosted drone light shows are more impressive while also being more ecologically sound, while also respecting the rights of citizens to not engage if they do not want to. We have people who have PTSD from explosions, as well as shift workers who should not be held hostage by fireworks. Further, there are those in the community who do not respect the by-laws.

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Just stop the fireworks. It's a nuisance and not worth the downsides

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The only problems we have with fireworks in this city are on Diwali. There's obviously minor problems on other holidays but they're few and far between and handled effectively by police and by-law

enforcement. The Diwali celebrations are on a completely different level and at this point should be banned entirely.

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I don't think the city should change the rules and feel that doing so is taking part in cancel culture.

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Although I do enjoy fireworks and believe they bring people together, I feel that the risks far outweigh the benefits. The effects on the environment, wildlife, pets, people with PTSD or other anxiety disorders, and even those with small children, are not worth it. I've seen many unsafe private firework displays, and usually the mess is not properly cleaned up, if at all. Regulations are not properly enforced. Some pretty lights and loud bangs in the sky are not worth all the risks, distress, injuries and even deaths that they can cause.

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Please do not ban fireworks. Bring back public displays and ditch the drone shows. I have passed on Canada Day celebrations since going to drone shows. Please limit the fireworks to CANADIAN and Aboriginal cultural celebrations. Diwali for example is NOT a Canadian or Aboriginal celebration or festival. Private permitted displays should be advertised. Regulations should be consistent across the region. I live on the border of township that has less regulation and one neighbor, across the border has large displays yearly for his fancy parties and fundraisers. We are never notified. Permitted displays should be publicized. And where is enforcement? I call bylaw but they were closed in the evening and weekends. Called the police, and they didn't want to deal with it.

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Problems Experienced: - Random single-bang fireworks any time during nice weather (when our windows are open) and in the middle of the night. No lie, woken straight out of bed at 3am with a single massive BANG on a number of occasions through the years. No sign of anyone. Sometimes see a flash - and wonder "who does that?!". - Hearing private fireworks that sound much too loud to be within the guidelines, but it isn't clear as to whether they are within the limits set out as "Family Fireworks" in the Bylaw. I note that the Waterloo Bylaw points to the Explosives Act which makes sense from a legal point of view but also means that the Bylaw itself doesn't provide any measurable guidance as to what is allowable. It would be helpful to include characteristics like "maximum 20ft tall". Suggestions: I suggest that City of Waterloo (CoW) consider following the lead of other communities (ex: Brampton) and adopting a simple and outright ban on fireworks while making sure there are City-led events for any major holidays. I wonder whether if a ban is truly effective...

enforcement remains problematic. If a ban is not tenable, I suggest CoW consider reducing the number of "allowable days". For reference, CoW bylaw allows at 8 days (before/after/including Victoria Day, before/after/including Canada Day, Diwali, Lunar New Year) CoW could review Bylaws in other significantly multi-cultural communities and follow suit, significantly reducing the number of allowable days: - Kitchener's bylaw on allowable dates - Victoria Day (fireworks are only permitted May 20), Canada Day (fireworks are only permitted July 1), Diwali (fireworks are only permitted November 1) -- outlining a single day where fireworks are permissible. This allows 3 days instead of 8 days in Waterloo. - Toronto allowable dates: Victoria Day, Canada Day - 2 allowable days versus 8 allowable days in Waterloo. - London, ON allowable dates: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and the Lunar New Year (4 days instead of 89) If there is a permit system in place for other days, I would recommend some mechanism to notify communities where the permit is granted. I would also recommend a nominal fee - \$20, for a private display for example - to ensure the permit attempts to cover the cost of having to permit fireworks. Fireworks are expensive so a permit fee may not be unreasonable. Furthermore, in the context of previous discussions, City staff have cited costs to permit and enforce as making things too expensive (ex: campfires).. maybe a permit fee helps to offset this. In summary - I do enjoy fireworks displays and enjoy professional displays. I find them much more interesting than "drone shows", for example. But I do find that backyard fireworks are often disturbing and for the exclusive enjoyment of a small group of people, but in the earshot/startling everyone else around. I would welcome some discussion around how to make the Bylaws around fireworks effective. That is my over-arching concern on the topic.

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For 30 years we were treated to a stunning public fireworks display over Columbia Lake courtesy of the University of Waterloo student body. Public displays with the necessary safety precautions in place are the best way to foster a sense of community and celebration.

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More public fireworks for celebrations would be fantastic over the various suburban alternatives that go into the wee hours of the morning. Education and safety is vital.

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It feels both privileged and entitled to expect fireworks for celebrations, given their harmful effects on the environment, wildlife, and household pets. I believe municipalities should explore alternative ways to celebrate holidays that are more sustainable and considerate. Additionally, I'd like to see stricter enforcement of existing bylaws for private fireworks displays and a move toward limiting the frequency of

permitted fireworks events.

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Religion should not be a reason for fireworks, yes even Christmas

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Costs to environment, animals, immigrants with PTSD/sensitivity to loud noises, and general peace and quiet outweighs any transient enjoyment from them.

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Instead of fireworks, light shows could be held. Fireworks are noisy, scary for pets, sleeping children and livestock. People can find other ways to celebrate Canada Day and Diwali. My daughter had neighbours light fireworks every night at midnight during Diwali. She did complain to bylaw in Kitchener. People just don't adhere to the fireworks rules, or they just don't know the rules. People have their sleep disrupted by all the noise. There needs to be better enforcement. I would gladly support a total ban of fireworks. I think they are unnecessary.

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We can regulate until the cows come home, but without strong enforcement and reasonable alternatives, regulations are a waste of time.

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The use of fireworks by under aged people during the 12am to 4am hours in Clair Hills is an issue which has been reported on many occasions. Enforcement is impossible. An all around ban on the sale and usage of fireworks in Waterloo Region MIGHT help with this situation.

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1/28/2025 11:59 AM

I'm tired of fireworks. Usually last for days and sometimes at 1 in the morning. My baby doesn't sleep or the dog is going nuts. I wish we could go back to having one big event and that's it. Or let's do some drones! Super safe and good for the environment.

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I would love to see other alternatives used (I.e light shows)

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Need regulation on the sale of firework access to the public. Age restriction maybe

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What is the point of having by-laws when they are not enforced. And never answer their phones during off hours like 12am in the morning when fireworks are being set off.

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City /community drone display would be better than fireworks. The ones setting off fireworks are not being safe and have no community mindset.

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Just read the prohibited list. The items from about half that list are super common. Also looks like all the random people we see selling fireworks shouldn't be doing that either. Looks like a lot more education would be helpful. But if there's also no follow through on anyone going outside the regs, then it doesn't matter.

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1/28/2025 12:10 PM

I think a permit and set hours would solve a lot of problems. I do not recommend banning them because they are very popular. I think that would be hugely disappointing.

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1/28/2025 12:11 PM

Our environment is already in crisis. We should be respecting it and attempting to heal it not damaging it for our own entertainment. There are so many parts of the world that already have poor air quality and we are hurting our air for the entertainment of a few, which is impacting many people who struggle with air quality

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1/28/2025 12:11 PM

I am not sure if a complete ban on private sale would be good, I am undecided but leaning in that direction

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I think fines should be imposed on people who misuse or don't comply with municipal regulations.

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1/28/2025 12:18 PM

The private fireworks displays should be banned. People are lighting them off constantly days before and after events and not too mention well beyond the allotted hours. Fireworks after midnight until 2-3am is unacceptable. BAN THEM ALREADY!

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How are teenagers able to get their hands on these fireworks? How were they able to get it and then set it off in highly populated places such as downtown during Canada Day?

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I think the city should mind their own fucking business on where and when I can shoot off fireworks

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1/28/2025 12:24 PM

I absolutely love my neighbourhood for seeing multiple amateur shows on various summer holidays and I think they should be allowed for all summer long weekends. It gets people out walking around and talking to people in their community that are also out enjoying it. I don't like being in the crowd for public shows but I do enjoy seeing them from a distance (e.g. Canada day from a local business, it really is great for our local economy! Please don't stop hosting those!) Please do not let people disobeying the regulations result in a ban for us rule followers. There are some people that have put on a great show for the rest of us for quite a few years now, and they follow the rules doing it. Instead please enforce the restrictions currently in place - if people are setting them off unsafely or in the middle of the night bylaw should take care of it. If people do something dangerous, the police can punish them accordingly. We need consequences for people that aren't behaving properly, not consequences for people that are!

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1/28/2025 12:26 PM

People are too crochety about fireworks. I understand if it causes garbage but most complian because they are old and don't like loud noises. I will still light them off, always have, legal or not. Trying to police a fireworks ban is a waste of resources. They were illegal 40 yrs ago and we still blew them off.

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Extremely disruptive. Fireworks are being done with no regard to the laws or rules. They are happening through the night and on designated days.

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More enforcement is needed. Given that that costs money, a ban is the next best option. Or perhaps a firmer restriction on where they can be legally set up. No more public parks or backyards. Maybe enlist police to help enforce the rules on and around dates where fireworks are allowed to be set off. There are clearly not enough bylaw enforcement officers for the volume of complaints.

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There simply is not enough room within the city for amateurs to be setting off fireworks safely and without disturbing others. The existing regulations around limited use of fireworks would be sufficient if people actually kept to it, but they don't. There are judgement calls involved. If it was a complete ban on the sale and private use it's very clear cut that someone is in violation. If there are less violators it will

be easier for bylaw to deal with the offenders. Public organized displays in an appropriate area are completely different, and should be supported.

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Shut it down for everything but Canada Day. No exemptions.

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City By law officers and police should enforce the current and any future laws. The fines should be severe.

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1/28/2025 12:49 PM

I think fireworks are great when they are used respectfully on prescribed dates. I think that private use of fireworks within the city is dangerous and disruptive. I do not see an overall benefit to the city/region/community at large from the private use of fireworks.

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Set harsh fines (i.e. first offence \$1000/person, second offence \$10,000/person etc) and allow police to investigate the perpetrators more thoroughly.

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We and other households have had firework celebrations and are always very safe about it. We only have a few celebrations a year to light them off so let the magic happen.

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It's the late hour that bothers me the most

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My main problem is when the private fireworks run too late. There needs to be a cutoff time and bylaw/police need to enforce it. I have a park in my backyard where people launch fireworks, sometimes until 1am, which is unacceptable. Calling enforcement got me nowhere.

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1/28/2025 01:04 PM

Unless you have a firearms license I do not understand how you are allowing the sale of gun powered in such an unregulated fashion

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Here in Alberta we have tried everything. Permit systems don't work because the worst offenders never get permits.

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In my life I have experienced fireworks being disruptive to animals (both wild and pets), children (especially babies), and the

environment. I attended a drone "fireworks" show in uptown waterloo as part of a community event, and I was very impressed. The city should consider going this route in the future, as it offers a good alternative.

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The problems arise from people not following existing regulations. Fireworks are already being set off on days when they are banned with little or no repercussions. There don't seem to be enough staff to regulate this. Adding more rules when existing ones aren't enforced seems futile.

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People of the city are abusing the use of fireworks way to much. Complete ban.

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I think limiting the days and time which fireworks can be used is best. It can help those with pets or PTSD be more prepared for fireworks and gives a easy way to enforce the overuse of them. I think this is the best solution. People should still be allowed to use them but only at designated times.

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1/28/2025 01:16 PM

We don't want to live in a Nanny state; however, what is happening now is not working. People have complete disregard for the current rules, in my experience here are several issues needing immediate solutions: #1 Newcomers feel that their cultural celebrations deserve the same rules (using fireworks) this is happening with Ontario Public holidays often interrupting peoples quite evenings, causing concern as people are not expecting them etc. #2 The city has far more people, and we are far more condensed., There are far more people wanting to use fireworks, and there are far less safe areas they are being used. #3 People have very little regard for safety. I personally have seen fireworks land on people's roofs, I've seen people hit by fireworks. What do we do to ensure all people are aligned to using fireworks on appropriate days? Do we need fireworks to celebrate these occasions? How do we make this safe? Respect those around us?

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The after hour abuse of the current bylaws is not acceptable. Needs to be enforced with stiffer penalties to those who abuse it.

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I have neighbours who experience a lot of worry when they are unable to prepare for neighbourhood fireworks to reduce the anxiety, self harm and destrucitve behaviorus that their pets often have with

fireworks. Wildlife often abandons their young during fireworks which is harmful to the environment. With houses being built closer and closer together, the safety to property and people, as well as mess left behind is a concern. There is no doubt that fireworks are enjoyable and bring people together. I just don't think they are the ONLY way to bring enjoyment and gathering. If there were affordable, silent, and clean versions of fireworks, I think everyone would win. Otherwise, designated areas removed from subdivisions, organized clean up, environmental scans to determine impacts on the environment and community, run by trained and permitted professionals would be some solutions.

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Since fireworks are to be set off on private property. 100% of residential homes are too close to adjacent properties, cars, trees and is a violation of allowable noise on regular days. Extremely disruptive having neighbours blasting fireworks 30 feet away with debris landing in my legal pool.

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I am extremely concerned about the harm fireworks have on wildlife, livestock, and pets.

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What is your process of enforcement?

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We are a family with young children (4 months and 2.5 years) living in uptown Waterloo. We hear fireworks going into the wee hours of the morning often, at least a few times per month, sometimes a lot more. It's extremely disruptive to our kids' sleep and it affects the whole family and our wellness the following day as well. I'm not opposed to public fireworks but household fireworks are truly a nuisance. Thank you for asking for public input.

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I think a restriction on the size of property and safety measures like fire extinguishers should be required when setting them off

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I have contacted Bill Ioannidis in the past with a similar suggestion to this. I'm on board with banning all private / household fireworks, as they've gotten out of hand in the past few years. However, I'd still like to see the city put on fireworks displays on appropriate days. This would take away the concern over safety, as well as have more control over when they would start and end. It would also reduce the amount being set off (one or two locations where everyone gathers instead of everyone hosting their own private celebrations), helping

cut down on the pollution. Our main problems in the community are 1) the average person setting off fireworks does not have any training (we've had fireworks in my neighbourhood shot off incorrectly, sending them flying horizontally at houses) and 2) there are always a few people setting them off into the wee hours of the morning, startling pets, babies, those with PTSD, and anyone trying to get a decent sleep. The bylaws don't seem to help much, because it can be hard to pinpoint the exact location, and the fireworks may be sporadic, making it hard for officers to enforce. Thanks for reading! I appreciate this survey being put out.

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I believe fireworks are totally unnecessary

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We need much stricter bylaws/fines for the enforcement to work. We have a backyard neighbour who choses to light off cherry bombs in his back yard ... at random. What sort of enforcement can help with this situation as its only 1 they light off, and it could be at any time, night or day when they do it? By the time I could even call Bylaw, he's inside and would plead ignorance.

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The city doesn't regulate the safety of fireworks, there are regulations out there already. I hope you get enough feedback to get a good number of responses of what people really think. Why would one city make rules about things that are already governed?

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1/28/2025 02:06 PM

Fireworks only became a nuisance when the town of Ayr added hundreds of houses and new Canadians have zero respect for curfews and young families or people's sleep during their holidays. If you complain at 2am they pull the race card. Zero bylaw presence

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Keep sale controlled and away from young people.

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I don't believe the people using fireworks negligently would have their behaviors changed by having additional educational resources provided on fireworks safety.

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If fireworks are to be used, they should be done in a designated safe space. Private fireworks would be fine if the property was sufficiently away from endangering neighbours and homes. The laws need to include a distance from structure, preventing fireworks in close built

subdivisions.

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Concern is twofold. First, crowd safety at public fireworks such as Victoria Park. Certain people do not care about safety and shooting off fireworks in a crowd. Second, so-called private fireworks affect the whole neighbourhood and by the time they are investigated, they fireworks are done. Related, we've had people in our neighbourhood set off fireworks beyond a decent hour - no respect, plus we live in a wooded area.

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Waterloo's stance on fireworks is ridiculous. Every other township or city has more restricted rules about household use of fireworks. We aren't allowed to have backyard fires here but people can set off fireworks for multiple days before and after holidays? Ridiculous.

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Fireworks are nothing more than a stressful nuisance. Bylaws are never adhered to therefore a ban is needed.

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Fireworks should be banned. There are too many cons and not enough pros to keep allowing them. There are also alternative ways to celebrate, ie lighted drones.

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Light shows are better. Fireworks are bad for animals and cause a lot of waste.

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Based on the most recent events with fireworks being shot at people in the parks and on the streets, I think it has become a major safety concern for those in KW. Ban fireworks or impose stricter regulations. The new comers and teenagers that do not follow the regulations are putting everyone at risk and disturb peace. The nature is greatly affected as well, after last years Victoria Day shenanigans, poor creatures in Victoria Park were left disoriented, scared and trying to hide from the crazy teens.

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People still set off fire works (privately) even if it isn't one of the specified holidays.

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The main concern is fireworks going off at Midnight on a school night with kids who WERE asleep. Keep fireworks to weekends and long weekends. No more past 10pm.

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While banning the sale of fireworks might help, if they are not banned from use, people will bring them in from other areas. I would prefer the region offer fireworks celebrations the public can attend, and that personal fireworks are not permitted in residential areas.

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1/28/2025 03:34 PM

Fireworks are fun and safe when done by adults with common sense. We usually use a school field which is a huge open field and should be permitted (I'm aware it's not). Fireworks should be permitted on New Years as this is a common practice all over the world.

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Please leave us the freedom to have our own fire works.

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Today's fireworks are not the same as they were 10 or more years ago. They are much louder, more about how big of a bang rather than display. Young people are able to purchase them too easily and set them off on streets, back yards, driveways or parks & roads. All with the intention of scaring people and animals with the loudest most terrifying bang that literally shakes windows. There is no way of patrolling this or stopping these people, therefore there should be a ban on manufacturing such ridiculous items as well as a ban on all sales. Adults buy them for minors. Police cannot stop this. Also, the amount of wildlife that is affected by large public displays as the Ayr 200 birthday display over the river, is sad to see. Nowadays it is far better to invest in a well designed drone display, with lights.

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People want to celebrate as we always did. Why suddenly fireworks are bad???? People love them and want more festivities

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I used to enjoy fireworks displays as a child - and yes, it's colour in the sky and is fantastical, but in this day and age, I can't understand how/why we still use these things to mark special occasions! The negative impacts on people, animals (pets and wildlife) and the environment are huge - why do we ignore this? And on top of that setting up and producing a public fireworks display is expensive - how do we have money for this, and yet claim to not be able to find more money to fund more important things (such as helping people with food and shelter?!). It's like being adamant that because fossil fuels were a part of our past, they need to be a part of our future, when we all know it's time to move on...

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1/28/2025 03:51 PM

It would be nice if explosives were not allowed for household use at all in residential areas near other homes. Too many people don't care about or lack common sense when it comes to fireworks safety. I feel like any additional restrictions on fireworks will be pointless though since they don't seem to currently get enforced anyway. Enforcement is the issue. Until bylaw or police have the capacity to actually deal with it, there would be no point and no change in current behaviours.

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Instead of creating more laws, enforce the existing ones

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Nothing further at this time other than of course we need to catch and punish the bad actors.

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1/28/2025 04:00 PM

Only allow fireworks in Canada Day. Any other days should be banned. Diwali is the worst. People setting off fireworks on Diwali don't care at all about the people it disrupts. They are being lit off at all times of the night, well past what is allowed. I have seen them lighting fireworks on small residential streets near houses, cars, people. You say anything to them i. Regards to safety and they call you RACIST. That is not fair to be labelled that

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Violators should be fined, but punishing law-abiding residents isn't the answer. A ticket blitz is absolutely necessary against the bad actors.

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I would support a complete ban on fireworks in Waterloo Region...period. Why didn't this survey present that option? The options presented in question 15 would accomplish nothing, which is why I answered "Neither support nor oppose" to all of them.

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In general, I think fireworks being set off in a private setting should be banned. The people that are happy as a result of fireworks being set off are always offset by the people who are frustrated with them being set off because of sleeping children, terrified pets, or whatever other reason(s) they may have. Safety and the environment are the other two obvious reasons which don't require any elaboration. With that said, I am totally fine with public displays. They have a better "wow" factor anyway since the ones people buy from vendors off the street always seem to disappoint.

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1/28/2025 04:16 PM

I think certain community groups need education on fireworks or maybe need a public event for their community rather than white

colonial based holidays. Instead of trying to ban fireworks across the municipalities, why not live up to your DEI promises and include cultural groups in your public firework holidays and maybe they would t be as disruptive.

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I don't like the idea of no fireworks. Hard to regulate. As much as it disturbs my sleep, they are over fast when done by households. the cost is expensive and that what keeps the time down

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1/28/2025 04:20 PM

Fireworks are not a necessity, the ones that create only noise have no purpose but to disrupt people and animals. It's an item hard to storage, prone to create fires, people can seriously injury themselves and others, I personally know someone that had a burning accident due to faulty ones. You people should really take this matter seriously.

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My ideal preference would be a full ban of fireworks but I am in strong support for any increase to regulations.

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It would be beneficial to have rules about how close to other buildings fireworks may be set off.

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In my opinion, fireworks in private neighbourhoods should be completely banned. There is absolutely no consideration for those of us who have to get up at 3:00 a.m. for work and the people who set them off have absolutely so experience using them. I am constantly afraid that my beautiful Colorado spruce trees that I paid a fortune for will be burned down. Animals and other wildlife are negatively impacted also. I have no idea why we are so lenient with these rules in residential areas.

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There are EXISTING laws about fireworks. THEY NEED TO BE ENFORCED. People calling for bans are, generally speaking, tired of the lack of enforcement. Are there concerns vis a vis pets and people with PTSD and others? Yes. And if EXISTING LAWS were PROPERLY ENFORCED, that already restricts fireworks to known times. People with those concerns can appropriately prepare. My household is one of those affected by pets, PTSD and others. We handle fireworks just fine, within the existing bounds of the law. It's the lack of enforcement for fireworks outside of the existing law that is the problem. Don't fix what isn't broken. (Maybe it is broken, but let's find that out through proper enforcement first, rather than -assuming_

a conclusion and working from there. That way lies madness.)

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Thank you this survey. The firework problem has been out of control for the last few years due to Diwali celebrations. Diwali can be celebrated at Victoria Park with public fireworks. Fine households using them and allow people to submit pictures and video evidence for fines instead of relying on bylaw to show up after the fact.

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Fireworks are now being used at improper times too often, such as midnight and have also heard fireworks going off at 5 am.. Allow fireworks on Canadian holidays only.

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I grew up in Winnipeg where private sale and use of fireworks was banned. This is preferable to the current situation in Waterloo, but the limiting of the number of days fireworks can be used around holidays is already an improvement. Thank you

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1/28/2025 05:37 PM

You can't enforce the existing regulations. More regulation only hurts the people following the rules already. People already launch fireworks past hours and on days they aren't allowed. Tightening these rules only means people who already follow the rules get penalized, but the new Canadians launching fireworks 7 days a week have no consequences.

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1/28/2025 05:39 PM

They are disruptive to families with small children or the elderly, who could be sleeping but mostly, most dogs are TERRIFIED!! Ours shakes and cries and wants to hide. Takes her days to recover. They are horrible and should be only set off far away from any homes (like a conservation area). Hate them!

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Fireworks have been around for decades I need to continue it's part of small kids bringing up. Fireworks are abused. Police or by-law can be called. Enough with the regulations let people enjoy themselves

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1/28/2025 05:43 PM

There is literally no reason for private persons to have or use fireworks. There should be a complete ban on private fireworks sales

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I encourage efforts to make sure that fireworks are used safely. I think there are very few risks when people responsibly use fireworks. Not everyone in the community enjoys the noise of fireworks, but that can

be said about anything. I think that given the tradition of fireworks and the happy memories I have of watching them when growing up, they should not be completely banned. One concern of mine is that some people are using their annoyance at fireworks to justify racist beliefs and speech regarding people celebrating Diwali. I feel like I didn't hear any talk of a fireworks ban until Diwali became one of the holidays where fireworks are allowed to be set off. I don't celebrate Diwali, but I've lived in Kitchener my whole life and always enjoyed watching fireworks displays, both official public ones, and ones put on by community members. I think everyone should be able to enjoy this in the years to come, and no one deserves to have their traditions looked down on. As long as people are setting them off safely and cleaning up after themselves properly, I think fireworks should continue to be allowed.

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It's beyond time -- ban all use of private firework usage in our city. If you want to view fireworks, go to a City-held event.

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The lack of safety around dawahli fireworks is completely disgusting. More inforcement needs to be implemented on this date annually.

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We've already tried reducing the days and hours they can be used, and IT DIDN'T WORK. I made many noise complaints to the city, when. I could even get through on the non- emergency line, and it didn't stop people, because bylaw can't keep up with complaints. Reducing days and times of sale or use would not / DID NOT stop people throwing firecrackers at others, including children!, last year. My tax money should NOT be going toward futile attempts to make an unsafe industry safe. It's also terrifying to wild animals and birds, domestic pets and farmed animals, and people with PTSD or autism. This is why all private fireworks sales should be banned, and why all municipalities should move public displays to safer, quieter and more environmentally friendly alternatives such as drone shows or light shows. I really appreciate that the municipalities are looking into this. *Also, your survey will give you skewed answers on the questions concerning whether people support restricted hours, days etc, because you didn't include an option such as "i don't believe any of these will work." I had a difficult time choosing one because, although I think that these things are better than nothing. I don't think that they have worked for us. Many thanks

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1/28/2025 07:00 PM

I live in the Huron area in Kitchener. During the summer months it wasn't uncommon to have people lighting fireworks off in the middle of the night from a moving car down Huron rd. It has stopped now

because of winter, but I fully expect them to start again once the weather gets warmer. Also, banning fireworks means nothing if there is no enforcement

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1/28/2025 07:05 PM

It's 2025, and it's time for fireworks to go. People routinely ignore the rules, setting them off at all hours of the night, leaving me up comforting my anxious dog while countless animals suffer. It's impossible to trust people not to misfire and hit me, my car, or my home. On top of the stress and danger, fireworks are a major fire hazard, especially during dry periods, putting entire communities at risk. Fireworks are outdated, cruel, and unsafe. A complete ban is the only way forward.

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There are alternative ways to celebrate that don't involve causing harm to wildlife and pets and people with post-traumatic stress. Unfortunately, as humans get more and more selfish, it has become apparent that public firework displays of any sort do not benefit the community in any way.

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I believe that the use of fireworks has a long standing tradition in our country and our community. Many of my most cherished childhood memories are centered around occasions that celebrated with fireworks. My only opposition to it is the misuse of them by a select few much like the scenario at Victoria park in recent years, but the actions of a few should not take away the enjoyment of so many. Perhaps more enforcement and stricter laws regarding the misuse of fireworks, especially when an injury is involved would be a better solution than restrictions or a ban for the vast majority of the population who are respectful participants.

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Drone shows for public gatherings are much more modern, have the wow factor, safer and much less disruptive to animals and the environment. I am against private use of fireworks, people do not respect the bylaw rules and I have seen them be weaponized to hurt or injure others.

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A full and total ban is the obvious right answer.

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Let the retail selling guidelines make the rules. It is invasive and a waste of city funds to create new rules and costs to govern the use of products that are legal to sell.

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Silent fireworks are available if one must have them. However I think that the distress the fireworks cause people and wildlife (who are often scared to death by fireworks, the noise and the explosions of colours at night) means we should have more peaceful and safe demonstrations of celebration. People can blow bubbles, dress up in bright and happy colours of clothing, have happy and creative performance shows and dances by professionals and the public which would benefit everyone in a more positive way.

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Let people be free, too much regulation isn't productive for society. If there is a concentrated area with people breaking the current rules, have enforcement there. Otherwise let people live life to the fullest. Also, when they stopped the fireworks in Waterloo at the lake it was a travesty. Offer more public displays and bigger and better displays.

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Too many communities are suffering when fireworks are let off in neighborhoods. Animals and babies suffer. They are a fire hazard. Please ban them altogether.

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I think drones should be used by municipalities, and governments to celebrate Canadian holidays. If religions want to celebrate, they should have to do the same, and they should be officially sanctioned events with proper permits. No private, household fireworks should be sold anymore

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I would like to see more done to enforce the bylaws. Heavy fines for those who do not follow guidelines and more fines if people do not clean up after thei events. No fireworks in any yards of a certain size that become more imposing and hazardous

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1/28/2025 07:35 PM

It seems almost every single weekend when there is any kind of celebration going on there are fireworks going off behind our backyard, which is very disruptive and I feel like they are going to land in our pool. It is totally unnecessary to have fireworks going on as often as this is happening, especially by private citizens.

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Fireworks are a fun tradition for communities, however there is no reason for individuals to purchase or use them without a permit or at all. Permits will hopefully reduce the amount of irresponsible use or intentional misuse.

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Please replace fireworks with light displays. You get all the benefits of bringing people together and celebrating without the safety and nuisance concerns.

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Ban them

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I attended the City of Kitchener's Canada Day celebration as a volunteer. I witnessed firsthand how young people weaponized fireworks by throwing them into crowds. The type of explosives used in crowds and police officers escalated, which I feel did not fit into the "fireworks" category.

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How would bylaw expect to regulate and respond if you apply new regulations when you do not work or respond in the hours fireworks are set off? I oppose the township saying the police need to be called for any private fireworks. That should not be their job if it is your regulation - ie are you willing to pay bylaw to be available 24/7 for any added regulations? I think not. I think private fireworks need to pick up a permit and that it should be a reasonable cost. Ie \$20.

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What I find interesting is the City of Waterloo no longer has a public fireworks display so wonder why the questions were not just for private use?

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Due to both the overcrowding of streets and driveways with vehicles, as well as single family dwellings being built very close to one another, there is a lack of open space available in my neighbourhood to allow for safe private firework displays. In addition to these external factors, private celebrations do not have the necessary safeguards, protections or procedures in place to avoid - never mind remedy - damage to nearby people or property. I would be a fan of more public displays, which can be regulated both for safety and appropriate courtesy to neighbours. Ideally, many smaller shows in local parks and green spaces (as opposed to very limited selection requiring additional travel considerations for families and individuals) could be a good solution. Perhaps a network of volunteer/registered local shows, in designated (and monitored) public spaces, to which the city can distribute information/training/PPE/materials/fireworks/public communication/etc. Thank you for offering this survey to our community!

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Fireworks bring so much joy to people and children. I would be so sad if they were banned.

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We live by a public park- after all these years bylaw somehow still doesn't know there will be fireworks here, and I have to call in every time. We need more staff to monitor and slap fines. There are safer ways to celebrate events without destroying the well-being of wildlife, upsetting PTSD sufferers, and waking up the neighbours. Yes they're pretty and I watch them through my window but I do Not believe there is a need for them anymore- we know better. Also ppl leave a huge dang mess in the parks. Maybe most importantly it is traumatic for our canine friends. Please please get more officers out to places where we know there are fireworks after 11- not doing so is simply negligence!!!

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Fireworks distress our animals and then they require medication. Strongly feel they should be banned for private use. We have been woken in the night because of neighbours are setting off fireworks.

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Just enforce current laws of fireworks more strictly

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Houses,condos,townhouses etc are much too close together for fireworks to be used safely many places have banned them

completely or made it mandatory to use only the silent fireworks and only by trained operators in proper public spaces. Waterloo is the most lax of all in this area

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Fireworks set off around specific holidays are enough of a nuisance but my biggest issue are those who set them off at any time, late at night.

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Private fireworks displays do not belong in the city. Limit fireworks to public displays only.

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Fireworks should only be allowed on Victoria Day and Canada Day!

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I am most concerned about anxiety, stress and trauma caused to individual persons (children, individuals with PTSD, etc), sensitive pets, and especially wildlife in our communities and in rural areas. Fireworks can cause an acute stress response in people and animals causing many to experience paralyzing panic, and the effects can last many hours or days. I also worry about environmental effects including pollution from setting them off and the debris left behind.

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Just Canada Day and Victoria Day

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Canada Day, Labour Day, Chinese (or Lunar) New Year, Divali, Victoria Day, should all be allowed and supported.

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Our house and one of our neighbor's got hit by fireworks last year. It is very risky, as people can be reckless and we can't do anything because what they are doing is legal. Please ban fireworks.

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Enforcement of the bylaws in schools and parks on permitted holidays after 11 pm would be appreciated.

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I know this survey isn't about Cambridge but it's very disappointing that they set off public fireworks at Riverside Park which has an abundance of wildlife as does nearby RARE. Kitchener also use to have regular fireworks at chicopee and some people still set off privately. Another area with wildlife although maybe less so with the

cutting down of all the trees. Despite Restrictions on the number of days fireworks can be used they still seem to extend the whole week surrounding the permitted day. The news also showed some insane behavior setting off fireworks in breslau so it seems to be getting worse not better.

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more enforcement

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Transition to more drone shows that don't impact the environment as much.

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This summer (2024) Grand River Hospital was apparently allowed a permit for a show at a completely unexpected time for an event that reverberated across communities to the west of Bloomingdale (i.e out of Woolwich, into Kitchener and Waterloo) with no advance warning. Bad precedent to set from the 'community' when people are starting to light fireworks in the streets. Policing is understandably difficult, so crack down on availability instead?

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I have never understand how the general public is allowed to even purchase fireworks. In the last couple years they have increasingly become more of an issue in the region- shooting them out of cars, abusing the time setting them off all night

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I don't really have an issue with fireworks, the days or hours - I have an issue with the blatant disregard for the restrictions in place. It's not too bad most of the year, but during Diwali the violations are by far the most egregious.

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Fireworks should be illegal and definitely not sold to the public. You can't identify who is setting them off to enforce any bylaw during banned times and there is no good setting in a town or city for people even following the law to set off private fireworks - there are buildings and trees everywhere, not to mention kids trying to sleep, sensitive pets and wildlife etc. The country is just as bad with scaring livestock. Figure out drone shows or don't do anything.

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There are far toooooo many rules and regs in this town already, especially when dealing with two tier Gov. (Region). Why would you not deal with important issues like getting rid of the LRT, Roundabouts, and other traffic snarling GRT related issues and get

this City moving again, not to mention the addition of 4 plexs in quiet neighborhoods!! AND how are you going to "police" this new adventure? Bylaw can't handle what is on their plate now, let alone an issue that happens once or twice a year.....Get with the program Waterloo!!! I am one of many seriously considering getting out of here for a far more "saner" lifestyle outside of the Regional confines. I certainly DO treasure my time at the Lake away from here where I can actually have a relaxing little campfire in my backyard. Points to ponder C.O.W. & R.O.W.

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Anything short of a ban is useless. Bylaw has no ability to police the usage.

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Feel that fireworks should be highly controlled and very limited in terms of the occasions and places allowed. Personal fireworks should be banned.

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I do not have pets, but a friend tells me how badly fireworks affect her dog.

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I would like to see fireworks completely banned. Pets get lost, some folks and kids get traumatized. Some get injured, even severely so. Its awful to see the mess after. It would be much nicer to have music and drone shows. There are other ways to celebrate.

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I don't think more rules and regulations are necessarily the answer. More support for communities to enforce themselves and bring people together around this issue is needed. See answers to the other questions.

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It isn't easy to put absolutes to some of the questions or proposed solutions. While I have personal concerns with how fireworks can have negative effects and safety is obviously a concern, they do provide joy for others, and contribute to livelihoods for sellers or even help add revenue to organized special events.

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Increase restrictions and strictly enforce calls about fireworks based on video evidence by people. Fines should be \$500 first offenders and increase by \$500 for subsequent calls of complaints. I'm concerned about how you are going to enforce this without residents taking video evidence. Ban all fireworks except for Canada Day. Strict

ban for Diwali fireworks. It is out of hand. People are so inconsiderate of other people who need to sleep and scary young children with the constant fireworks going off at all hours for days.

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Fireworks are not necessary to have and the negatives far outweigh the positives. I'd rather see them completely banned but if I had to compromise I would only allow a public run display on Canada day, not other holidays or religious, cultural days.

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Drone shows are so much worse than fireworks. Fireworks are amazing events that only last max 30 minutes anyway.

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With drone shows, great festivals, or forms of local art, there are other ways to celebrate in ways that are much better for the environment and animals, safer, and less noise impact.

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I don't think people's complaints about stress to dogs is a valid complaint. We are getting sick of people complaining about something households can plan around handling and the whole community should not have to sacrifice something we've always enjoyed. We have seen lack of enforcement during Dawali celebrations and that is wrong. Everyone should have to obey the same rules.

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Fireworks cause extreme stress to people, death to animals and harm to the environment. More and more cities and countries are transitioning to silent fireworks or light shows. We should too.

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Fireworks are a fundamental and critical part of my culture. If you take them away, then you are literally taking away a part of my identity.

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Horrible for pets, wildlife, the environment, and people with sensitivity. We can find alternatives

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The biggest and worst effect is on animals, especially wild animals who can't be protected inside - the only reasonable thing is to ban them completely.

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Any benefits are not worth the environmental impact fireworks have. They are terrible. At the very least, I believe all private use should be banned and strictly enforced.

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Fireworks cause so many wildlife deaths and frighten people and pets.

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Requiring a permit for all private fireworks is beneficial.

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the amount of times during Diwali I heard fireworks after midnight was daily. They are way too disruptive.

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In our area of Waterloo there are often hours of private fireworks for days around many holidays. Our family, due to disability and ptsd find these events deeply unsettling, as well as being concerned about safety when neighbours are not careful about where and how they set them off and deal with the shells. We often try to leave the city to avoid the illegal fireworks.

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It is clear that in the last 5 years we, as a community, have stopped using common sense when it comes to fireworks and their exhibition. In 2024 we had our sleep disrupted 16 times by persons shooting them off on days not allowed. During Diwali in 2023 fireworks started 4 days before and went for 3 days afterwards. On New Years 2024 fireworks went off for over 3 hours off and on until just after 3am. It is clear that our community houses persons who are selfish, disrespectful and ignorant of those around them.

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I was the family who submitted the Halloween wrps video of Breslau residents setting off dangerous fireworks in the street. We absolutely need a ban on household and private fireworks. Doing a public presentation maybe at a public venue such as bingamens might be ok but private sale and use in a small community is completely unacceptable.

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I'm not convinced that it adds any community value at all. Even attending the Columbia lake fireworks years ago (which were much safer than random citizens using them in their tiny backyards), it was noisy, crowded, took an hour after the fireworks to leave because of traffic congestion, and would not have worked well to bring our kids at all.

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Get rid of regulations that can't be followed through. A complete ban is the solution. Public will find alternatives; public will adapt. It's not a necessity. Public will and can engage in other less harmful both to the public and environment.

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I believe the use of fireworks has many more cons than pros. Enforcement of the current bylaws has not occurred in my experience and I have witnessed several instances where injury or property damage were possible. I strongly support a complete ban on their use.

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The issue of enforcement has to be addressed to. At the present time even when the bylaw is violated there does not appear to be any consequences or bylaw officers are not available when the activity is happening. We had a brush fire in our neighbourhood a number of years ago that the fire officials said likely caused by fireworks.

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They need to be banned. Plain and simple.

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Completely ban private sale and use of fireworks. The communities have shown they cannot and will not abide by rules. Public displays only.

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People are routinely firing these things off and causing problems for my family with small children. When my oldest was 2 there were private fireworks set off for 11 straight nights in my neighbourhood. That is not an exaggeration. I emailed my Waterloo city councillors about it then and only one person even bothered getting back to me. 11 straight nights of my kid waking up, my dogs being scared, and myself having a restless sleep. All so some very inconsiderate neighbours could watch bright flashing lights and make loud noises at 12:00 am under the guise of celebration. If I played loud music in the street at midnight for my birthday people would be rightly upset. Why should we allow for fireworks on any occasion since all they do is disturb those of us who are not participating in them?

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Thank you for asking the community about this, fireworks have been a long-standing challenge in our lives due to my dog's intense fear and my own PTSD. there seems to be more and more fireworks each year.

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When any person can walk into a convenience store and walk out with pretty coloured gun powder, we as a society have failed. Retailers don't care who buys the fireworks; they're making money. No amount of education will change this. And adding bylaws that say you can't shoot fireworks off except certain days and between certain hours is like pointless as by the time bylaw officers arrive (and that's if they arrive because let's be honest, a citizen reporting fireworks being shot in the middle of the night doesn't have the exact GPS coordinates) the person(s) shooting off fireworks is done. It's impossible to police because it's an impossible situation. So the easiest way to reduce the number of instances where people are misusing fireworks and/or not following specific times/days for personal use of fireworks, is to cut off the supply. Set regulations and requirements that fireworks can only be purchased by specific companies/businesses/wholesalers who have costly permits issued from the city. Treats fireworks the same as hand guns and require permits, education, certificates, and steep penalties for misuse or not following the rules. Fireworks are gunpowder, they are dangerous, and should be restricted as such.

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I am fine with few big public displays that are well organized and scheduled publicly and well announced.

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Firework use is getting out of hand and is being used in non celebratory ways. The lack of resources and quick nature of fireworks means it is difficult to regulate with bylaw.

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private fireworks should be banned too many idiots setting them off at all hours on all days past 12 AM keeping everybody up, causing distress to animals and veterans. Complete BS.

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Most of my concerns surround usage after 11pm and on weekdays. It seems like it should be common courtesy but that appears to be lacking. Also the shooting of fireworks at people like what happened in Victoria park and Mary Allen park is no good, but it is tough to have enforcement on that without a complete ban on the sale of fireworks.

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I own a house in Waterloo. Fireworks drive us crazy. It wouldn't be so bad if they didn't shoot them off so late into the night. Anything after 9pm, is unacceptable. We have a 4 year old and it wakes her up every time.

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I find that in my neighbourhood, private fireworks displays are conducted in public parks during hours when my children are sleeping. They often leave behind garbage and used fireworks. I would support a ban on the sale and use of private fireworks, or a permit-only system, but only if the resources and will are in place to properly enforce such a ban/system.

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Fireworks displays, either officially sanctioned or private, are fun, beautiful and great for getting people together. Children of all ages should have the opportunity to watch a fireworks display with wonder and joy. I oppose too much regulation of this occasional festivity. Don't allow the nay sayers to control this aspect of our lives. Fireworks displays are a proud tradition, big or small. Don't over think this!!!

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Despite the 11pm cut off for fireworks, quite often we hear fireworks long after. Some fireworks are so loud they sound like gun shots outside of our window.

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I have seen people setting off fireworks in parking lots, right next to cars. This is an extreme safety hazard. There is always fireworks litter in the park after a holiday. People in my neighbourhood seem to set off fireworks right from sunset until past midnight. My dog is terrified of them and the length of time they are going off for is very stressful for him.

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Nobody NEEDS fireworks. All they do is cause damage, trauma, and environmental harm. It's about time they get banned. People need to find more responsible ways to celebrate. It's not that hard.

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Where I live, we hear fireworks being let off on days that are not holidays or permitted Fireworks days - often near midnight. Its frustrating because the people doing this don't seem to know the days they are allowed to use fireworks, and we're never sure which house they are coming from. The next day you hear people with small children and pets complaining about the noise and disruption but no one knows who to complain to. Also my parents live on a country property where we used to set off fireworks on May 24, but soon realized the extent of the garbage (tiny little papers and ash) all over their gardens was not worth the fun of a few fireworks.

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Fireworks have become completely unsafe in our large community. People don't respect the rules as they are not enforced. It is horrible horrible for the environment! It is dangerous and should be totally banned in our city.

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I think public fireworks displays that are hosted in a safe space (open field/lake) and at a reasonable time are great. Over the past two years I've had major concerns around private fireworks displays hosted by my neighbours. The houses are very close together and I have found smouldering firework stubs on my deck, roof, and backyard. I am also so tired of fireworks going off at all times of the night. Last Diwali my street was woken up at 2:30 am by fireworks being set off in the middle of our street, lasting for 20 minutes. I would be very supportive of a private firework ban/permit system.

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Ultimately none of this matters if there's no enforcement. No point in regulating something without it, so if the region is going to make changes, don't bother unless there's some teeth to it

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Ban all private use and do public, city run fireworks ONLY.

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Wednesday January 29th 2025 at 12 am fireworks were lite off in Waterloo Park for approximately 10 minutes,waking most people in our neighborhood. Why is this happening at midnight?? There's far too many times that people lite off fireworks any time or day they want, without any regard for their community the people that live within that community. I think laser light shows to celebrate occasions such as Canada Day May 24th is an excellent way to provide entertainment without any of the downsides of fireworks. Fireworks should not be sold to the public because all too often they do not abide by the bylaw and use them whenever they want.

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Tired of hearing fireworks between 12:00 AM and 4 AM with no response from officials.

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While I do find fireworks displays to be beautiful and festive, I do not think private households should be able to set them off. It's bad for the environment, disruptive to wildlife and disturbs the peace of the neighbourhood. I think people should be able to celebrate their religious holidays, but I do find Diwali to be the most disruptive in my neighbour. During Diwali there are numerous houses that set off fireworks all week, and well past 11pm. I have considered calling

Bylaw, but I can never tell which houses are doing it because the noises come from several different directions.

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Please stop all private sale of fireworks.

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My neighbor was doing fireworks in his driveway and they were hitting the windows of our house and landing on our roof. I had to move my car down the street because of it. We were lucky our house was not damaged but our children were terrified. When I asked them to stop they just kept going saying they will be done soon. Our houses are too close together in Breslau for private fireworks displays. They should be banned for these small properties and fines handed out.

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Would love to see community/municipal fireworks displays for more occasions, e.g. Diwali, Lunar New Year, Victoria Day, and a ban on the sale of private fireworks.

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Quit trying to regulate what I do. If people have no regulations for religious events why to I have regulations for celebrations events!

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Don't really have issues with planned displays that are put on by the city/region but have significant concerns about the unregulated use of fireworks by the general public as it's unsafe and a nuisance.

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Fireworks are very disruptive to those of us with small children.

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Fireworks should be banned in the region. The region does absolutely nothing to enforce the current regulations and it's very frustrating.

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Allowing private citizens to set off fireworks has been extremely disruptive and there is not enough regulation or enforcement when it comes to setting off fireworks. For example, when the fireworks are allowed to be set off by residents, I have noticed that they are being set off during times where it is prohibited (sometimes until 2-3am) and they are also being set off too close to homes. During Diwalhi for example, my neighbours were setting off fireworks within 25-30 feet of their house, aiming them over my house. Other neighbours who were setting off fireworks were doing so until 2:00am. I noted that a number of complaints were made by other residents and enforcement

was not being done.

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The less fireworks there are, the better.

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Would love to see a full ban on private sale and use of all fireworks.
Public displays only.

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There's always so much litter left after fireworks. Pets and wild animals are deathly afraid of them.

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I have people in my neighborhood that don't follow any of the current bylaws and bylaw doesn't seem to care or stop them from setting off fireworks for days beyond the permitted time period.

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Although fireworks are nice to look at there are way too many negative impacts on animals and humans to continue to use them. There are many animals that go lost or die as a result of the noise. People with PTSD need to find places to hide in order to survive the event

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Fireworks are not necessary and there are many concerns around them. The risks outweigh the benefits. Even if more regulations are introduced, people will continue to choose to disregard them. The best way to regulate is to ban the sale for private and household events.

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Stop trying to over reach and create governments on training and regulation of industry or the public. We can see you starting to count tax dollars to create a job for a government emokiyeeee to training people. Stop it.

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When used safely and respectfully private fireworks are fantastic because I can see them in my neighborhood and avoid driving to a busy public place with too many people. I love that I can watch them from my backyard!

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Recent push for further regulations is not based in scientific fact, it is unfounded and a waste of taxpayer resources. Do something useful instead of pretending to 'protect' the community. There are bigger

issues in our communities requiring urgent attention.

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Setting off fireworks before and after holdiays, as well as the holiday itself are rampant in Cambridge. More and more priviate fireworks in homes are happening with more noise and more frequent occurrence. Theree should be a total ban on private fireworks for any celebration

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Not just my dog, but any wild animals and other household animals that aren't hard of hearing are completely terrified of fireworks. Fireworks are selfish and not worth it to scare animals and people who have legitimate mental health concerns with loud noises.

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Silent fireworks would address most of the concerns the public has. Not having Cambridge as an option on the first page is insulting.

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Where and when the private AND public fireworks are used is the concern. Enforcement of rules is more important than the rules themselves. Nothing is enforced that I know of

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Fireworks are disruptive to the community. They should be banned outright.

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I strongly disagree with allowing fireworks in subdivisions. There should be designated areas that people can go and light off their fireworks. You can have all the regulations in place but you have to enforce them. A lot that goes on doesn't get enforced due to the hours some of the bylaw officers work.

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Fireworks are fun, the issue is when they are set off very late when most people are sleeping, or when set off multiple days around a holiday. The rules around allowed days/timing needs to be strictly enforced.

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Fireworks should not be sold for personal/household use anywhere in Ontario.

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Fireworks are very disruptive to many people and pets. People that use fireworks seem to disregard this. The noise carries miles and pets can sense this indoors with everything closed

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I hear fireworks being let off anytime day and night. You can't police it because you can't pin point the spot they are let off.

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Hearing fireworks randomly, whenever people want to set them off is annoying for me, my family and my dog! I am used to fireworks for a few occasions each year such as Canada Day & Victoria Day, so I support less frequent use of them. I would also prefer that they not occur privately one after the other, extending the overall duration of noise.

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I live next to where Forwell Super Variety was located on Lancaster Street West and the house across from us would shoot fireworks onto the road as cars drove by and we could feel the house shaking from the fireworks. Bylaw was called several times and no one showed up, even though what they were doing was dangerous. Fireworks should not even be sold and there should be a total ban like in other countries. Unless this happens, the neighbours will continue to set them off onto the street. Since Bylaw didn't do anything, I asked them politely if they could stop shooting firework onto the roads and at cars. They said they won't since this is their Indian tradition (this was during Diwali, Christmas and New Years) and that Canada is a free country, that the laws don't apply to them. Someone will get seriously hurt or die if this continues, either the people shooting off the fireworks or innocent bystanders if something is not done as soon as possible. There has to be a complete ban on the sale and private use of fireworks with actual enforcement of the bylaws.

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It would be great if people with private backyards are monitored for using the fireworks as I see them misuse the privacy and causing noise pollution and distress to animals in the whole community.

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There is NO benefit. They are misused. They are disruptive. The people setting them off don't adhere to the current regulations, they won't adhere to added regulations. They should simply be banned. There is no benefit to them. Celebrate on other ways. Plain and simple.

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Control fireworks use during diwali, it's gotten out of control.

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I believe that public fireworks are a great way to show support for

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public holidays, etc. but private fireworks are a nuisance to the community and can be unsafe if not set off properly. The neighborhoods are too dense with homes to do it safely in one's backyard or on city property and could easily cause damage to neighbors' properties.

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We may want to consider allowing firework permits for other cultural days, such as the start of Lunar New Year. The current days are inequitable. Drone light displays (such as those in the City of Waterloo on Canada Day in 2024) seem underwhelming as a replacement for public fireworks. Otherwise, I would support this transition to protect the environment. There must be potential o improve in this area.

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The marginal few positives fireworks provide are completely overshadowed by damage to wildlife, the environment, misuse, irresponsible behaviors, disregard for rules etc, etc, etc. Sadly, a complete ban seems to be the most responsible thing to do.

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You can always give extra education but DO NOT add extra limitations than what's currently in place. I would be extremely upset if I come to find out that there's even more restrictions in place.

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Need fireworks for Diwali celebration. Thats the only festival I celebrate with private fireworks

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The disturbance they cause ,and frequently keep people awake animals living in fear pollution. Fire dangers specifically when dry debris like leaf's and dry grasses in the fall ,with climate change. These are the easy things we can do like banning them

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The bylaws are only effective if there is an appropriate amount of bylaw officers able to enforce the law during high firework abuse times. This doesn't seem to be happening

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Everyone needs to calm down. Fireworks are traditions. They do not happen every day of the year. When they do happen people can deal with them.

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Dont allow the sales

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Many foreigners have used the fireworks and targeted cars in the road around our place. I think they should be fined and charged for this kind of activity . It happened over Diwali last year on Ellis Road.

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Provide very clear guidance on the use of fireworks. Make sure the public is aware of days when celebratory events are occurring, including religious celebrations. You cannot fix stupid people so don't put regulations in place for the majority of the population that are wise enough to know how to handle personal fireworks. It's nearly impossible to enforce any kind of ban because by the time an officer is on scene the event is over.

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Way too many fireworks set off by private households in the region of waterloo!!

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Adding ridiculous programs like required permits is a going to cost taxpayers money to support and the region has already taxes us enough. So dont over think this fireworks agenda and whomever the Karen or Ken was with the bright idea to issue a survey on this has already cost tax payers and should be fired! Keep fireworks agenda simple, place rules for people to follow and thats it!!!

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Sure, fireworks may wake babies, but they're beautiful, they're fun and removing the chance to bring communities together to enjoy them weakens our ties to our neighbours of every culture. I especially enjoyed the fireworks on Halloween last year when it lined up with Dawali. Fireworks should be part of Halloween permanently.

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Private or household fireworks can go very wrong. Many people don't know how to handle them properly and that can cause serious injury (especially with kids around).

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There was a time that there was a complete ban on private fireworks. It encouraged families to attend public displays. I see no reason not to return to public only fireworks displays. Religious or cultural practices should not be exempt. There is no reason to not have public Dwali fireworks. I think that public fireworks displays should be limited to Canada Day, New Years Eve, and appropriate religious or cultural displays.

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The optics of this survey is problematic for me. You are making potential policy decisions based on fanfare rather than environmental and social justice data. It is proven that fireworks are harmful to the environment, for wild animals and domestic, for humans suffering from anxiety, PTSD and potentially other disabilities. What is popular does not equate to what is a just and moral obligation. Fireworks have a long established tradition in Canada, but like all traditions that have proven to be racist, sexist or otherwise harmful, they end. Anthropocentrism is a tradition that needs to end.

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City should be patrolling for misuse of fireworks on approved days to enforce existing regulations. The problem is people getting away with using them in in too small spaces at unapproved times and days. Just enforce the existing regulations better and leave everything else alone. Also maybe have bigger city displays (combine the tri cities into one massive display) and advertise the heck out of it, this will encourage more people to got the city show than try to do thier own reducing issues. Currently advertising and the shows are lacking. And no dogs shouldn't have a say in this as there property not taxpayers and shouldnt even be considered in the conversation.

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I strongly believe in banning the use of private fireworks as the empty lot next to our house was used to set off fireworks a couple of years ago. They were being set off about 4 meters away from our house. When we approached them to ask them to stop, we were yelled at. I believe people are not full aware of the dangers and harm it causes to others.

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Typically fireworks cannot start until about 8 or 9 PM at night due to sunlight during the summer hours and really they shouldn't be going past 11 to 11:30 PM out of respect for other people. I live to set them off, but I go from about 9pm to 10:30 then I'm done and I clean up any debris on my driveway or road. Keeping the day before and day after rule for setting them off is perfect to account for any weather issues. 3 days to set them off is more than enough, but if the holiday is on a Monday, it should be Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the allowed days. Most people are back at work Tuesday, so weekday fireworks should not be allowed. Also how could you ban the sale of fireworks without banning the use of private fireworks. It makes no sense and would actually bring down community involvement and in general just make life that much more boring. Start fining the individuals who don't follow the rules and letting them get away with whatever they want.

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no link to Cambridge regulations, (<https://www.cambridge.ca/en/your->

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city/fireworks.aspx) but I feel they are lacking. Aside from the regulations, the enforcement of said regulations is lacking

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Private fireworks should be set off in local parks where there is a lot of space. Waterloo region allows housing to be built almost on top of each other and backyards are not as large as they once were. Firing off fireworks in new subdivisions especially should be done at a park and not in the back/frond yard where it easily could damage neighbouring houses and vehicles.

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We have used fireworks for hundreds of years going way back to the Ming Dynasty, why in the last decade it is a problem? Animals existed all those years, humans existed all those years and still worked, and everyone enjoyed them all those hundreds of years. Nobody's happy unless they're complaining about something nowadays. They're unhappy so everyone else has to be unhappy with them.

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In regards to firework safety, it would be good practice to make more information available to private and household users. Increasing hard rules, regulations, and permits is a waste of time, money and other public resources for an activity that is up to the user's discretion. Of course we never want people to get hurt, but we cannot control and regulate every single action of our citizens. In my experience an area of public safety would be people misusing fireworks for risky play, or destruction of public property. Often we will see young people in parks shooting fireworks at each other which is just dangerous for others want to use the park.

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Have to ban all fireworks because of bad apples who think they are untouchable when you kindly ask them to not set off fireworks in the middle of the night or too close to houses. These apples throw accusations of you being racist and everyone including bylaw and police stop any attempt to enforce the bylaw and safety for the entire community. It is all about them and their rights to do things and not care about the overall safety and good for the community. I hope bylaw in all the cities can actually can enforce this. Because no one learn without harsh consequences that hit their wallets

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Please have a complete ban on fireworks. The number of people who set off fireworks in our neighbourhood alone, is concerning, disruptive to others and very unsafe. We have had damage done to our property as neighbours set off fireworks in the middle of the street

using a wheelbarrow, some bricks and people gathered in close proximity to the fireworks. There could've been serious injuries, fire and much more damage done. Our windows got charred up from it, the debris hit vehicles and homes in the area. There was blatant disregard for the safety of others and disrespect to everyone's homes, vehicles and families. I do not support fireworks at all -- especially not for private household use. There's a lack of good judgement and when confronted, there is no reasoning or compromise to try to be safe about it.

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I love Vity run fireworks for 1 night of all important Canadian (Canada Day) and religious holidays (Dwali, etc) but NOT private. There are far too many that go on for many continuous days even until 1 am and for animals and those who the lights or noise cause distress, or even interruption for babies and elderly, they should not be permitted, with heavy fines issued to deter.

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Please share my information and the results of this survey with the City of Cambridge

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People set off fire works all hrs .they don't care about the stress they put pets in . My cat and hide every time fire works Go off.

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Require reduced noise or noise free fire works.

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Harsh fines need to be imposed for improper and or unsafe use of fireworks

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Time to stop pollution Force us to drive electric cars but continue to support fireworks???

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The individual who does the private display is an enthusiast who seeks appropriate permits and informs neighbours. I don't see why most others couldn't do the same. These displays build community and are an opportunity for PD and FD personnel to connect, especially with kids.

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There is a park near my house that has a small forest and houses around it. Every year people set off fireworks. I am just waiting for a fire, and my house burning down. People set them off if the ground

and forest is wet or dry, they just dont care.

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It must be at public place never be at residential area, only at new year eve.

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I fully support moving away from fireworks use in KW. With the availability of drone shows which are so much better for the environment and noise concerns, I do not feel the need to still use fireworks in 2025. I also think that the amount of regulation is fine, but how is the enforcement? I hear fireworks going off all the time but if there are never any accountability or penalties that work to truly deter, then what good is it?

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The only reason I don't make a complaint against fireworks, mostly on private property and on a public road and in schoolyards is that I'll be called a racist by the community that abuses the use of fireworks the most. You can't win.

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Reduce legal days to set off fireworks I am not interested in forcing people to have permits. However if people set off fireworks for days on end on non permitted days they should be penalized.

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My concern is for animals, both pets and wild animals, for whom fireworks are clearly distressing. I also feel strongly for those new Canadians, soldiers and others who've experienced the horrors of war, and persons with sensory issues or autism who find the widespread noise a cause of stress. In addition, the pollution (plastics, toxins in water) from this unnecessary activity are shameful, and poorly regulated. I would support a complete ban on fireworks in the Region, perhaps replacing them in public events with less disruptive light displays (we have the technology). And while I expect mine is not a majority position, I do appreciate this survey and hope you receive a good response that will let us gauge the community's feelings. Here's a helpful overview that reflects and informs my concerns. <https://theconversation.com/summer-fireworks-can-traumatize-pets-and-cause-wildlife-to-flee-206556>

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Private/Home Fireworks: Disruptive past 9:30pm when families already have kids in bed or putting them to bed. Public: no issues as people CHOOSE to watch, in a set place and done before its too late.

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Firework happens only couple of times in a year (365days) . Lot of people in depression these days . It's ok to celebrate, get together with families. We need to socialize! We need to break boring work routine to enjoy life !

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I live in doon south and the use of private fireworks is absolutely ridiculous. The heavily Indian population in this area uses them with reckless abandon. During dwiali last year, I saw neighbors lighting fireworks repeatedly in the street, letting small children handle lit fireworks, and in general not being safe or respectful of their neighborhood. This is a serious issue and I have seen that it can cause conflict between neighbours if not addressed by the city.

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I grew up with fireworks, I don't fire them but my son enjoys looking at them. They can be loud however it's a handful times a year. I hope that we do not ban them and let everyone enjoy the fireworks.

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The use of fireworks on residential streets that is only feet away from houses and cars is dangerous. There is no patrol in these areas during times. As a Indian person who celebrates Diwali (this lasts a whole week) and as a Canadian who celebrates Victoria and Canada Day, setting areas where this activity can be done such as open fields would be far safer than doing it on residential roads which is dangerous and traumatic for animals. Residents and pets should not have to deal with this and it even continues until as late as 2 am. This is feedback from the Huron area

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Bylaw needs to enforce rules around fireworks

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Fireworks should just be a town or region run event. Doing so would create a safer community, and would also push more people to going to a town run event - creating a greater sense of community

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Although fireworks are a great way to celebrate occasions and bring the community together, the negatives far outweigh the positives, especially since we do not have enough regulations, and more importantly, the ability to enforce existing regulations. This enables misuse, especially for private use of fireworks, which needs to be stopped before the situation gets out of hand.

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Again, only Canadian holidays should be celebrated with fireworks as

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all Canadians have the day off and holiday time off to enjoy.
Fireworks in the middle of the week and random times of the year for cultural celebrations is extremely disruptive. Especially when people are working or children have school the next day.

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I am not sure how it would be enforced but people are ignorant setting these off at all hours of the night and residential back yard yards with high density housing.

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Our community is really terrible at sticking to the rules. One day turns into three consecutive days. Before 11pm turns into 3am. It's unreasonable.

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Banning the sale of fireworks is akin to banning the sale of alcohol. Alcohol is way more dangerous and causes more injuries, addictions, and issues. More buracracy for permits and vendor sale restrictions and enforcement is not helping to make communities better. Let's focus on bringing people together to celebrate and affect positive change versus create action around fireworks because of the few but loud voices that won't no fireworks for Canada Day or festivals or celebrations... those loud voices probably complain about everything if it doesn't suit their 1980s vision of the city.

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Fireworks serve no purpose. They are a waste of money, cause unnecessary stress on wildlife and pets and cause health issues for people. I would support a total ban in Waterloo Region.

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I think that fire works in the area should be completed by a team such as the fire department only as they are trained to respond in a proper manner ,I am finding that when it is allowed at a personal level that it is very disruptive and dangerous things will get worse if not controlled

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reason for considering household fireworks dangerous is that we live in a rural area with open overgrown fields and many treed areas.
household fireworks are a fire hazard. years ago, fireworks ere used by vandals to light brush fires under electric utility poles.

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I would support a full ban on fireworks

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I would be very happy with the use of quiet fireworks during public displays. They are more safe for animals and people with issues,

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I live next to a park, people will not consider permits when setting off fireworks, it's a waste of time. You need to enforce bylaw or tell constituents to suck it up and deal. Personally, I don't like having to be woken up at 2 am because some delinquent thinks their very niche and specific holiday deserves the entire neighborhoods attention. It's disrespectful and rude. Permits won't change that, you need to enforce and fine.

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Thank you for doing this survey

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The issue is thr kids getting their hand on them and shooting them at each other and being stupid. Not public displays

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Stricter regulations /monitoring on sale of fireworks. Stronger education

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Witnessed on a few occasions, dangerous and carelessness from private fireworks displays with a complete disregard of human safety and private property.

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The bylaw concerning the sale of fireworks does not seem to be enforced. Fireworks for sale are on display at all times in some locations.

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Let's truly work for the health of the environment whenever possible. Fireworks negatively impact our environment as well as animals and some persons. In my opinion this is an easy answer if one truly believes and is working on being environmentally friendly.

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I think there should be a better enforcement for fireworks. On multiple occasions I have had to call non emergency on people setting fireworks from their balcony and targeting other buildings and people. The police did nothing. I was in my apartment watching them do that for another two hours after I had called the police. There needs to be

clear guidelines and proper enforcement of those guidelines.

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Fireworks should not be available for private sale, only publicly funded events

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There are far too many people who don't have a clue about setting off fireworks safely. There are few open spaces that are available for private displays. It is difficult, if not impossible, to enforce the current bylaws, as by the time the complaint(s) are made, and the offender is located, the display is done. I used to attend "Bangorama" at Centennial Stadium back in the 70's. We also used to attend the fireworks display at Columbia Lake as a family, and the Symphony of Fire at Ontario Place. These events were very enjoyable and safe, but as I have become more aware of the negative effect on pets, people with PTSD, as well as the environment, I question the value of such events. Firework displays are not necessary, but if they are going to continue, I would support public events and encourage a FULL ban on private displays .

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Fireworks being sold when not allowed to use means fireworks are going off. Really you want to curve fireworks use, it starts at roadside vendors.

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Fireworks should be used on a small number of set dates/ holidays as determined by the region, certainly not to exceed 6-7 nights annually.

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Fireworks should not be allowed to be set off privately/by households in our neighbourhoods. Or provide designated areas in parks that can be booked privately in advance with tight time controls

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I'm a responsible pet owner and have trained all but one of our 5 dogs early to accept fireworks and other loud noises. We host a large number of friends, including our pets, to watch local fireworks from our deck. Everyone enjoys them. I hope the tail doesn't wag the dog on this issue. The vast number of our friends enjoy safe fireworks displays.

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No reason for private fireworks. Nothing but a nuisance

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The question regarding household permits will likely not give you

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proper feedback because someone could choose "strongly oppose" with the intention that the household fireworks should be banned. I selected "strongly support", however I believe household fireworks and sale of fireworks to the general public should be banned due to the number of safety incidents we have seen in the past. People who engage in this behaviour simply won't follow any kind of rule or permit system you put in place, just like we see now with the lack of compliance with the current bylaws.

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Worried about impact on people with PTSD and those with pets/toddlers. Much better ways to celebrate

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Fireworks have always been a way to bring people together, creating a sense of joy and celebration. Whether it's a national holiday, a festival, or a community event, they make the moment feel special and unforgettable. Sure, there's some noise, but it's such a small fraction of the year—hardly enough to take away from the happiness they bring. Have you ever seen a child not completely amazed by fireworks? The excitement, the laughter, the shared experience—it's what makes them so meaningful.

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I truly feel that the banning or outlawing of fireworks would really show that the region spends too much time looking at the wrong issues that need to be addressed.

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If regulations are in play then they need to be policed. Adding new regulations don't help unless you police them with strict penalties. Certain people shouldn't ruin it for everyone. Those people should be fined. So then they know.

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The biggest issue is setting off fireworks for no reason and often people celebrating after the holiday or permitted date they are allowed to. With influx of Indian immigrants and students, on Indian holidays the fireworks are getting more frequent and are being set off at later times. It's wild when you see people setting fireworks off in the middle of the street sometimes. More education about the bylaws and rules for fireworks really needs to be top priority!

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My pet is inconsolable and distressed whenever fireworks are set off. Even with limited hours, people still set off fireworks late at night. The sound travels so far, it is difficult to report specifics

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Public fireworks displays a few times a year operated by fire departments are fun and not a problem. Private and neighbourhood run fireworks are often run too late at night by intoxicated or overly excited individuals that I suspect will hurt themselves or start a fire and certainly will annoy many neighbours. I realize for some fireworks are part of religious traditions. Perhaps these celebrations could be restricted to the local temple and not allowed on the street or neighborhood.

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There are other ways to celebrate. No enforcement of rules results in an environment where there are no rules. People end up using fireworks on days they are not supposed to, or using them way past the hours they are supposed to late into the night disrupting the community. Animals and people that are sensitive to fireworks suffer.

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We have lived in a house that borders Westvale Public School for over 30 years, and the fireworks being set off illegally in the school parking lot and fields has become an insufferable stress for at least the past decade. We have called by-law and police to no end, no one ever arrives to deal with these illegal fireworks setters that carry on until the early hours of the morning. Fireworks being set off within metres of people's homes for hours, the trash left behind, and in times of drought real worry of fires. Carrying on for days and weeks in the summer and now during the period of Diwali celebrations as well. We cannot even escape the noise when sleeping in the basement. This is not about education, this is full-stop anti-social behaviour. Not to even mention the environmental consequences of setting these off en masse. Personal fireworks sales need to be banned and we need consistent and intense ONGOING enforcement to maintain a new community standard. People should be entitled to peaceful enjoyment of their homes, and for children and adults to sleep at night without constantly being shocked awake by explosions just outside their yard. This is a serious and urgent issue.

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Fireworks should be banned due to their significant environmental impact, safety risks, and property damage. Fireworks release high levels of pollutant, including heavy metals and fine particulate matter, which can increase air pollution by up to 42% in some areas after major celebrations. fireworks are a health hazard and fire hazard causing millions in property damage each year. We as a Region are committed to our environmental impact and need to consider all activities that are harmful to our environment. Given the risks, banning fireworks is a necessary step to protect public health, safety, and the environment.

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I watched people across from us set off fireworks for a holiday and the fireworks were literally shooting across the street at our house. It was extremely dangerous and scary for me and my kids. I truly hope we can find a safe and fair way for people to enjoy them without putting other in danger.

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A complete ban on the sale and private use of fireworks. You do not require permits for private or household fireworks events, as there should be none and no exceptions to a ban. The only public displays should be on Canada Day. No Victoria Day, No Diwali, or any other segregated exceptions. We all live in Canada. One day for everyone to celebrate with fireworks at a public display.

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less government involvement in everything is less taxes, you cant legislate to fix stupid. stop wasting time and tax money on something so insignificant. spend your time and tax money on more important matters. the noise represents a fraction of a fraction of our lives. what about all the pollution caused by lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed whackers, snow blowers, ice cars, etc, and the city is worried about fireworks pollution???

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I strongly support a ban of fireworks throughout the community. The effects on environment and noise pollution is immense and there is no requirement to celebrate any traditional festivals with fireworks. In my culture, fireworks is used a lot for our festivals and it is very disruptive to the community. Festivals and traditions can be followed and celebrated without the need for fireworks. There should also be additional support provided to by-law and local police when these rules are being flouted. would absolutely love to see a firework ban put in place!

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Thank you for exploring this. It has been a huge issue in Admiral Park behind where I live over the 8 years I have loved there. Mostly unsanctioned fireworks leaving litter, disrupting sleep and harming animals. I also feel for newcomers for who whom the noise can be distressing. My grandmother used to hide under the bed during fireworks bc it triggered ptsd from wartime. I am not against fun. Just that we know more of the harms associated with fireworks now, so let's do better

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I have owned pers most of my life and have never had one afraid of fireworks unless they have been set off directly in the neighborhood. At those times we simply closed doors or windows. I believe the

comments made every time they are set off is a vocal minority. Laws should not be made to suit these vocal people. I support cutting them off at 11pm, fining those who continue to set them off after. I also support fines for not cleaning up after. As for disruptive people like what occurred in Victoria Park last year, I have no idea how to control such groups. In all the years of fireworks in Riverside Park, crowd control has been effective and families have enjoyed the show

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Strongly support the ban of sale and use of fireworks. There should also be high fines put in place for anyone who flouts these rules.

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We should set fireworks but with full safety education and limited hours. And clean up our own mess ,or we can get together people at one place with their own fireworks where we have full safety of firehouse we can celebrate there too.

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Fireworks are fun and our family loves them. How many times a year does a family get to spend quality time together? We have friends and family that gather on Victoria Day. We BBQ and make an evening out of it which ends with fireworks and sparklers.

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There are two issues: 1) Private fireworks any time of the night and also outside the days allowed and 2) no enforcement for those who are in breach of the policies. No point in adding more rules if there is no enforcement.

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I would support a ban on people setting off fireworks in parks and other public places unless they are part of a regulated community event. In my Kitchener neighbourhood, I am concerned about individuals setting off fireworks, often unsafely, in the park across from where I live. I also understand that some people in Waterloo Region have been setting off fireworks in streets. So I would favour limits on the days fireworks can be legally set off and the places where they are permitted. But municipalities will also need the resources to enforce any new regulations.

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Private or household use of fireworks should be banned. I have seen countless mishandlings. Some do not have a large backyards. So close to the wooden fence. A fire hazard. I live in a townhouse complex and we had people doing fireworks in front of their units (on private roadway). The neighbors had to call the Condo Management Board to complain as the debris hit their windows and roof. It would

have been a horrendous outcome. The fireworks are not allowed in our townhouse complex but people break the rules. Very sad.

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I think having fireworks for Diwali is nice, and Canada day too but I know the environment impact, how the noise bothers dogs, children, and those suffering from mental health. Having a public fireworks show always seems safer than private, and if it is only twice a year that seems less of a negative impact. I think there are otherways we can celebrate, beyond fire works. Or could the City look into noise-less fireworks?

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We owned a trailer at a Muskoka park for decades and had a fireworks display each Labour Day weekend. We enjoyed it and it was done by professionals. Locally, the use of fireworks has gotten far out of hand with young people using them as weapons. It is becoming ridiculous to see that more and more our population has little or no respect for bylaws and regulations and is becoming more selfish, and violent.

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It's unfortunate that people setting them off between 11 PM and 2 AM in the morning whenever they feel like it are ruining it for people with more common sense. Too many people are able to buy fireworks and have no idea how to actually set them off.

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I hate feeling like we're held hostage by random fireworks being set off in the neighbourhood (in the park, school yard, and backyards) - sometimes around special events, but also often just for no apparent reason. We have them all hours of the night sometimes. It's not unusual to have them going off at 3 or 4 am which is extremely disruptive and annoying when we have to get up early the next morning to go to work. There seems to be no point to calling to report it as they'd likely never locate the individuals setting them off. I'm all for public firework events in large parks once or twice a year - displays lasting for less than an hour and ending well before 11 pm.

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I think a ban needs to happen sooner than later

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As bylaw is unable to effectively enforce date and time restrictions a full ban on sale and use is the most effective option

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I don't support fireworks in private households or neighborhood parks.

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It's unsafe and noisy. Places like Columbia lake organized by professionals is best.

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As an organizer of a prominent public event in Cambridge, I strongly support and encourage the ban of private household fireworks and would even suggest more enforcement of existing regulations until then.

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Fireworks for Private or household use should only consists of minimal explosives.

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Sale and use of fireworks should be banned. Full stop.

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I think regulations are only useful IF the region has staff to enforce them. Education around safe use of fireworks needs to be mandatory for private gatherings where someone will be handling the fireworks.

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Banning the sale of fireworks won't help unless neighbouring communities also ban it. Private displays should be illegal in the city limits. I'd support a city-sanctioned public fireworks display for holidays like Diwali

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I feel like there's no enforcement of the regulations when it comes to households. We have had people light fireworks on our street (which have a lot of trees) and could cause a fire. Complaints have been made by other neighbors, but nothing is done.

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I don't believe any policies except of sales are really enforceable so I don't expect anything to change

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In my own experience, fireworks have never been a problem, and I greatly enjoy seeing them when I have the opportunity. I do NOT want to see any stronger regulation on fireworks, and in fact I would like to see the sale of fireworks much less regulated. Our bylaws should interfere with the daily lives of our citizens as little as possible. Do not make more rules when they are not actually needed. Squeaky wheels should not have the power to rule everyone else.

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People set off fireworks solely for their own enjoyment. Disregard for

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safety, time of day, whether they've had a few drinks, or hazards around them, on private or public areas. Not cleaning up afterwards especially school yards. A total ban may be needed so bylaws are fair for all and not just for the entitled.

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The garbage and overall mess left behind in public parks and streets after Diwali is outrageous. The permit for this celebration should be removed immediately because people don't know how to be civilized and respect the overall community.

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Fireworks are so last century. Ban the use and ban the sale. Prosecute offenders with steep fines that increase with each infraction.

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If we try to ban it outright, people will just go outside the area to buy fireworks and set them off anyways. Fireworks should just be on the holiday itself, not the day before/after; get it all out of our systems at once, everyone knows it's coming and can plan accordingly. Massively increase the fines for setting off fireworks on unapproved days. Having public / organized events would help people "get their fix" in my opinion and reduce the amount of private users / abusers.

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Private fireworks are very dangerous and even though there are day and time regulations no. No one pays attention I live in doon south. Kitchener. And they set them off in public parks. Driveways. Backyards Sidewalks they shoot them at each other houses etc. so dangerous and I live in a good part of town. Fireworks should be done only in select venues by professionals.

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An absolute nightmare for my home. My husband has stress related to past Military operations and my pets are shaking and hiding in the bathroom. Fireworks should be banned

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Cultural use of fireworks has created a terrible misuse of them almost constantly throughout the year at all time of the night, for days on end celebrating events like weddings, birthdays, and holidays. It's ridiculous. They show no consideration for the bylaws that say the 3 days of the year they are allowed to be set off. They set them off at any old time that suits them. More control of the sale of them would limit the availability of them to be used as much.

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I think fireworks should only be allowed via public displays undertaken by municipalities or townships. Private/home fireworks should not be allowed, and private sales should not be allowed. Otherwise, the issue will not improve. People will have disregard for any laws or limitations, and a complete ban might be the only way to move forward.

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I am in 100% of ban on personal use of fireworks. It makes no sense to allow community use with no actual location that meets bylaws available. My family and many I know dread the days when they are legal for personal use.

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People are not following laws .. public should not be able to purchase them .. maybe a licence should be required

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Part of the issue is it's not always clear where fireworks are being set off from. I doubt that calling bylaw to say "hey, somebody is setting off a volley of fireworks somewhere in Westmount" would allow bylaw to respond in a timely fashion. Additionally, by the time I'm woken up by early-morning fireworks and bothered enough to call bylaw, I'll already have been up for long enough that my sleep for the night has been ruined. tl;dr: dealing with late-night fireworks after the fact doesn't really solve the issue, preventative solutions could work better

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I have a relative who has 1 eyehe lost the other due to careless use of a commercial fireworks show.....another friend was burned by a careless use of fireworks at a backyard venue, I am now totally opposed to any and all fireworks usage...

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All private displays of fireworks should be banned so the community can gather in a safe place to enjoy displays together at a max of 4 times a year (Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali, New Year's Eve). Fireworks should never be set off in private residential areas.

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I'm 50/50 on a complete ban. Pros and cons for both decisions but I would support more policing around holidays when people normally use fireworks

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Stop adding to regulations!!! Cut Bylaws by half. Stop policing peoples lives.

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There have been multiple occasions in the past 3 years of very unsafe firework usage in front of houses and on adjacent residential streets. The fireworks hit others houses, as well as our roof, window, and fence. In multiple cases fireworks would fall over and start shooting sideways at other homes, cars, and people. When approached about the unsafe usage, the users did not at all appreciate what they were doing was unsafe. When mentioned that it may hit cars coming down the street the response was--"but the cars can just stop and wait". The private/residential use of fireworks is a large nuisance and safety issue and needs to be banned entirely. Firework displays need to be limited to controlled professional environments in open public spaces, and well away from residential neighbourhoods.

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We have very limited days and spaces available to set of fireworks as it is so we don't need more restrictions. The restrictions in place aren't enforced as it is. It would be nice if we as a community could respect our parks enough to be allowed to use those spaces to safely set off fireworks and clean up our messes. It would hopefully prevent people from setting them off in front yards and small, unsafe spaces which is what they do now.

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This survey is a waste of taxpayer's \$\$

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Fireworks post 11pm, especially on weeknights, are disruptive, especially living next to a park/ public space

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There should be much larger penalties for people lighting off fireworks on roadways or near other people's homes. In the last year I've seen multiple times in my own neighbourhood where drunk people have lit fireworks off ten feet from someone's house, even having a few hit other people's homes. I live right near a forest and scrubland. They're going to end up burning something down soon. It's ridiculous that people are able to purchase fireworks. In my opinion the sale and purchase of fireworks should be completely banned, there should be far more patrols sent out on holidays to catch people lighting off fireworks in neighbourhoods, and there should be much, much harsher penalties for those lighting them off.

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I understand that the days fireworks are allowed are already limited. I think limiting to traditional and culturally significant days...including the days of other cultures other than typical European occasions is totally reasonable. I think efforts to ensure people understand safe

use are a great idea. People using fireworks on purpose in a dangerous way, and potentially harming others is totally unacceptable in my opinion and should be dealt with by legal enforcement. Limiting fireworks to private property would discriminate against those who can't afford big yards, so that doesn't seem right either.

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Again I enjoy but they are being abused and improperly handled outside public controlled events. There is no control and too many cons than pros to continue to allow private and household use. Private events that are issued a permit if that became an option should also be required to advise surrounding homes, businesses of their use on day and what time and duration which should be tightly controlled and limited period. Bylaw should also be advised and driveby at these events to ensure compliance. The free for all needs to end!!! Time to teach respect and safety and since people don't care then this should not be allowed

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Ban ALL fireworks, the poor animals wild and domesticated have so much anxiety and fear. Alot go missing because they're trying to run away from the noise. Please ban all of them. Make them illegal. Please and Thank you.

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Private people should NOT be able to disrupt neighbourhood peace and create mess and hazards - there should be NO private fireworks permitted period. if the City wants to issue permits for structured, safe displays that is one thing, but all these people with no safety training and no respect should not be able to purchase and set off fireworks in neighbourhoods.

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As avillage we receive permission to use the loacal park for the whole village to attend and have done this for over 25 yrs other than that there is not a need for a private back yard show that are not done to regulations

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I live by McClennan park and people set off fireworks all weekend long. Its completely disruptive to our family and our sleep schedule. My husband is a firefighter and it keeps him up (he works weekends) as people have been know to set off fireworks until 3am. They scare my children and our dog. If people are going to ignore bylaws and the region isnt going to resoond to complaints then why would you allow the sale of them?

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Permits to set off firework would be a great idea for households. Not in rona parking lots

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We need less government. Not more of it. If anything benefits the people, the government has to be involved.

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Region needs to provide more bylaw officers and community supports during high fireworks days. I repirted someone lighting several fireworks on the road a meter away from parked cars. Police told me to call bylaw. But they didn't answer and couldn't leave a message . So residents continue to behave dangerously

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Fireworks causing noise and air pollution MUST be stopped to save our environment and animal discomfort. Instead, drone lightshows should be promoted. I would further suggest how to promote the drone lightshows: (i) Calculate how much carbon emission is reduced by "not using fireworks" (ii) Approach universities who could make this a Project eg. 2nd year Engineering students to do the drone lightshows. (iii) Organizations could support these universities and the Municipal Government to cover the cost of the drone shows through sponsorships which could also become their ESG initiative.

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Public displays should consider other options such as drones. Better for the environment, less noise to bother residents, pets and wildlife. Private displays need much better enforcement. Fireworks are regularly let off in my neighbourhood greenspace and the litter is always left behind.

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There is also the issue of enforcement. How can people using on wrong days or hours be caught and punished. Or what deterrence is possible? In the township it's hard to locate the sounds and officers might not be able to reach offenders in the act.

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Don't let the old wh*te racists and soccer moms pressure our community into banning a fun, beautiful part of many holidays! A better response that would probably lead to Les private use would be to organize more public fireworks displays - for Canada Day, Diwali, New Year, Chinese New Year, et cetera.

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I back onto Beck Park and the fireworks happen all weekend long for both Canada Day and Victoria Day so instead of 1 day, each is about

4 days. We also have people setting them off very late at night. As a dog owner we are opposed due to the anxiety it gives our dog.

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In our neighbourhood, people ignore the bylaws surrounding the days and hours that fireworks can be used. If bylaw were to be called, the participants are long gone before arrival of officers and nothing is done.

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Somethings are integral to certain cultures and now are part of the melting pot of Canadian culture. Fireworks are part of celebrations, whether it is Victoria Day or NYE or Diwali. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion.

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I have witnessed many poor choices made by neighbors lighting off fireworks that have made me concerned for damage possibly happening to surrounding homes due to lighting them in the city streets. I see no benefit to the fireworks being lit off in community's. Freedom was given and people failed in so many ways. There is no need to still be hearing fireworks going off in the wee hours of the morning. Litter all over the neighborhood due to some not cleaning up properly.

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Fireworks are not safe for many reasons

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There should only be public firework displays. The potential fire hazards of private displays are too great. There should be strict guidelines for usage if not banned. If a permit is allowed, insurance should be bought through the Township to ensure no coverage gaps in case damages are caused. As well, fines need to be properly administered for those that disregard laws/guidelines.

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Main complaint/concern is what it does to pets, horses, livestock, and wildlife and the time of day and days they are set off. For example a neighbour sets them off every day of every long weekend Friday to Monday and not only at night but also during the day. Best would be to use noiseless fireworks or for public display using the drone displays.

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Please ban them now. They are a complete waste of money and they harm animals, humans, and our environment. There are other ways to "celebrate" without selfishly harming and killing others in the process.

Last year, after a "night" of fireworks, the very next day guess what I found? Three dead birds on my lawn and who got to clean that up?? Me. Why is it those most oblivious to the harm they create don't care? Those that say this isn't a "big deal" and to all of those who are setting off fireworks, they should be required to report for duty at 5am the next morning at their nearest veterinary clinic, animal shelter, wildlife rehabilitation centre, pet crematorium or municipal street cleansing department. Your help is required with the pain/ suffering/ trauma/ accidents/ deaths you have caused. We will be mopping up after you tomorrow, and for weeks after that. The least you can do is help, instead of just sleeping off your hangover while we do all the work. We need to stop pretending that our anthropocentric ways aren't going to catch up with us one day. The time for change is now. Thank you.

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Fireworks...the other "F" word. They are awe-inspiring and fun, but at what cost? In the wild, panicked parents flee nests and dens, leaving abandoned babies at risk of dehydration, starvation, and predation; they can frighten some animals to death; wildlife rehab centres report animals getting tangled in fencing, running onto the road and being struck, birds flying into windows, buildings, and trees. Shelters and vets see a huge spike in lost and/or injured animals desperate to escape the blasts. Frantic and terrified, farmed animals attempt to flee barns, stables, and fencing. Zoo animals exhibit great agitation by pacing, trembling, and running around their enclosures. They can put neonatal babies at risk of death, stressing their tiny bodies and still-forming brains. Vulnerable humans like those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, veterans and others with PTSD, people from war-torn countries, can all experience great trauma. With regard to our planet/environment/fragile ecosystems, the debris from this exploding garbage can be consumed by birds, small mammals, and marine animals; there is an increased risk of wildfires, which is a huge concern with the climate crisis upon us; and the particle pollution in the air from the harmful toxins being spewed can last several days. There are modern, safer, really cool options: "Quiet" fireworks, laser shows, and drones are "exploding" around the planet.

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Fireworks have no benefit. The people who enjoy them can find other ways to celebrate. Then people who they cause problems for have no other option but to endure. If the effect on my pets and wildlife that make me very anti-fireworks.

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I think all fireworks displays should be run by the town and official sources with permits. This may mean adding more events for additional holidays so people do not try to find fireworks elsewhere to

bring to the region. There should be no easy way to purchase fireworks for personal use as this has been shown to get into the wrong hands (Victoria Park teenagers).

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My neighbourhood has seen an increase of private fireworks outside of allowed dates and times throughout the year. It is unnecessary, disruptive and dangerous. I feel that a complete ban is the only way to get a handle on the issues surrounding fireworks and switch to drone shows for public displays of celebration, which is arguably more impressive than fireworks.

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The types of fireworks that are sold to consumers seem very safe. We also live in a very safe place where wild fires are a low threat. Woolwich seems like one of the safest places to allow fireworks. restricting them after midnight or during a fire ban makes sense but aside from those I see no reason to increase any restrictions

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The people that use and set off fireworks properly should not be punished for those who don't.

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Diwali is the reason this is an issue now, stop turning a blind eye to it. It's sad that even this survey does not touch on this subject which makes the entire survey useless. STOP DIWALI fireworks!!!!

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I find it sad that we have to have loud noises flashing lights to celebrate an occasion. I have high sensitivity to loud noises and fireworks create unnecessary stress for me personally. Factor in what it does to the wildlife and domestic animals and for those reasons alone they should be banned. I am also tired of picking up the casings from the neighbour who sets them off in his backyard. It's all about humans needing to be entertained and that is sad. You can celebrate without the fireworks if it is so important to you and feel you must do this!

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While I believe retail sale and use of fireworks should not be permitted I would be ok if sparklers were still available.

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What's the safety issue? I have not heard of any safety problems happening.

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Most people perceive the current bylaws to be a bit of a joke because they're so poorly enforced. Diwali is, by far, the holiday when this is most evident/felt.

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I support a complete ban, only have the fireworks that don't make noise, or if you have to at least ban private households from having them because they aren't being used properly.

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It's crazy watching people set off fireworks in the streets. The block it so cars can't get through. They bounce of cars. It goes on all hours of the night. And it's not helpful for the environment. I would dance for joy if they were banned completely.

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Fireworks in open spaces, controlled by experienced Professionals, should be how its done. Neighbourhood s, home use should not be permitted, especially due the increased negligence of the operators. Fireworks have alternatives, silent fireworks, drones.

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Use the noiseless fireworks instead otherwise ban them completely

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Limited hours would be great, the problem really is enforcement. There is no enforcement so no real reason for people to follow the rules.

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There are better, more modern ways of enjoying a light show. Drones can be used. We know fireworks are harmful to animals and the environment. They have nothing to do with cultural or religious holidays, and should be banned. Let's do better for our planet!

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Private or household use of fireworks are a blight on the community. Instead of a public shared experience, the private use leads to hours-long noise bombardments that serve no purpose than the veritable burning of money. Holding public, city-run special events and banning the sale of fireworks and private displays would better serve the community.

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Allow it on Canada Day. New years. Maybe Victoria Day. Everything else is stupid

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Ban private fireworks. It's always out of control. A complete mess, by law never enforced the rules. So incredibly dangerous and horrible for animals. Keep them private through the city or get rid of them all together.

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I get there can be danger to thinks like fireworks but why do we have to stop or take anyway everything "fun" in life shit happens even in the safest things so just let people live a little

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I am autistic and sound sensitive.

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I feel public/community fireworks can be overall safer and better controlled (ie cancelled during dry conditions, set off away from majority of people, trained in safety of fireworks), therefore I would be in favour of having them for Memorial Day, Canada Day & New Years. Severe fines levied for private or household fireworks.

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I do not understand why this is an issue at all, fireworks have been a tradition in our city and injuries are a very, very low percentage. It brings so much joy and the current regulations are way too strict already. I have not bought them in years bt totally enjoy watching with my family around neighbours and friends. Please reduce the restrictions before they become a band activity

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Fireworks have become more of a problem since immigration has ballooned from countries where fireworks is a thing. Leave it there. Don't bring them here.

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I don't mind foreworks in general but it hurts the animals and people let them off all hours of the night and torment the animals. Need more laws and fines for people that let them off for no celebratory reason. I want peope to enjoy themselves but animals have to suffer for days sometimes weeks. One night if fireworks is enough and it should be over.

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Regardless if permits were supposed to be taken out for fireworks I don't believe that homeowners or private fireworks would apply for a permit. There is an empty field behind my house that gets used regularly and we also hear plenty of fireworks in the middle of the night. How are you going to control those?

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Fireworks have become excessive. Happening for hours on end and over multiple days despite current bylaw limitations. In addition, public spaces are left a complete mess with garbage afterwards. It must stop!

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I would support a full ban of fireworks. There are countless other ways a community can come together and celebrate something without causing distress and harm to people, animals, and the environment.

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Please ban all sales and use of fireworks. It is extremely disruptive to the most sensitive of human and non human animals, who have no way of protecting themselves from the disruption and trauma.

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I strongly believe that if we are to use fireworks, they should be city/government based public firework shows, which I attended as a child and enjoyed. However overall, we should be moving away from fireworks, they are loud and environmentally damaging. We should be looking into other ways to potentially have celebrations if that is what people require, such as drone shows or projector shows. We should be looking at ways that do not impact others heavily with noise, and ways that do not leave behind any negative impacts. As well as less fire/injury risks.

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Certified vendors and permits to fire off in private spaces.

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The biggest problem in our neighborhood is kids setting off fireworks all summer long at all hours without any parent intervention to stop the behaviour

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I like fireworks. I grew up attending fireworks for New Years, Canada Day, the 4th of July etc. However, where I grew up private/household fireworks are categorically illegal. I do not support a ban here, as i support peoples right to celebrate in ways they like or are culturally/spiritually significant to them, but I would like more, I suppose restrictions are the right word. I don't like fireworks for days at all hours of the night. I've also been nearly hit by a firework when someone used them recklessly and have seem them shoot off and hit cars etc. So safety of any old random person using them is a concern. We licence firearms; I do not understand why we do not licence use of what are, really, colourful rocket-propelled grenades.

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While fireworks are a Canadian tradition, they are simply too disruptive and dangerous. I would like to see a complete ban with municipalities exploring other options—such as drone shows—to celebrate community events.

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Yes I think fireworks have had their day and we should acknowledge that they are harmful to the environment and the level of noise is harmful and disruptive. It is the sound of war. Let's move forward with new technology to adopt a different kind of light show for celebrations. Drones, lasers, or something beautiful like ice candles, etc. (not kerosene).

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The real problem is enforcement. We have bylaws but by the time officers can get here the people are gone. I've seen grass fires in my complex and fireworks landing on my glass table on my deck. Thankfully my dog isn't afraid of them but many are.

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People don't follow the current bylaws and I hear fireworks going off on non-fireworks days as well. I think there needs to be better enforcement - if they aren't enforced then people won't follow the rules.

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fireworks are a tradition better to educate then to ban everything just cause of a few bad actors. better to educate people

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I am happy this survey is being completed. Fireworks are extremely dangerous., I feel we can fill that celebration with something else. Too many injuries, damages, dogs going missing, it's just awful. I'm open to finding new suggestions to help fill the void that fireworks bring to the community.

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I love fireworks I mean a great deal to me and my family

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Something must be done! My neighbours set off fireworks during Diwali in the street and purposely aimed the fireworks at neighbours houses and at other people. Hard to enforce which I understand

because often by the time law enforcement shows up the fireworks are over and can't prove who set them off. Please do something, we can be better

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I feel the education/information provided is fair however common sense is severely lacking. Also, the information is available but not always getting across to everyone selling, purchasing, setting off fireworks or they just don't care? I remember going to public fireworks and neighbourhood fireworks growing up, it was a way we celebrated certain occasions however I am wiser now and see the harms that come from this experience and I don't feel the benefits, if any, outweigh the known harms!

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The only solution is an outright ban. Increasing the bylaw officers to police the people setting them off at all hours is a bandaid approach and doesn't work. In our subdivision on certain holidays fireworks are let off in driveways with house and cars in close proximity with no regard for public safety and personal property. Fireworks are still going off at 1 and 2 am on days where the majority of the residents are working the next morning or kids have school the next morning. The year before last we had 5 straight days of fireworks for approximately 6 to 8 hours long. We no longer have holidays with a couple of hours of fireworks each night. A large population of renters are also in our area and I think there is less regard for surrounding neighbors because they don't have the sense of community like the home owners do.

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Irresponsible imbeciles not following any rules and lighting off fireworks dangerously and at all hours and on days not allowed on public property. By the time by law gets there they are long gone. My neighbour was hit in the back of the head during broad day light and one hit my front window. This was during Diwali. They had absolutely no regard for safety or regulations. No matter the amount of regulations and limits on days able to light off there are always going to be people that have disregard for this. And it's the majority not the minority. Fireworks are not allowed to be lit on public property and there are many guidelines to be able to light on private and the majority don't meet those guidelines. Most hoses don't have the property to be able to light them safely at a safe distance from homes and trees but they still do so anyways. The best solution is a total ban on private displays. Why can't people attend public displays if they want to enjoy watching fireworks. Much safer.

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Fireworks have always been exciting for kids and families don't take

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traditions away

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People set off fireworks beside tight neighbourhoods. They don't care about bylaw because they never show up. When bylaw shows up they are already gone anyways.

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Fireworks are beautiful and a great way to celebrate big events with lots of people in one common area. Canada day especially with all the festivities and fun that day fireworks are expected at the end to complete the celebration. Banning them is wrong and so many other then miss out because of a fee clowns. That is not fair and we have a right to celebrate in public spaces.the city should do them for safety reasons. If you ban those big events you will have hundreds more amatuer shows that lead to unsafe practices and garbage. It's common sense really let people celebrate in a community or they will take it into their own hands. Do you really think they will stop if you put a ban on them because that is laughable and shows you don't know people lol. LET US CELEBRATE WITH FIREWORKS!

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I think the rules are basically appropriate. We just need more education and enforcement.

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I've had horrible experience with people and fireworks. Being shot at by kids, kids aiming fireworks at cars, my animals are afraid, wild animals are afraid! Parents lived through the war and have anxiety when they hear fireworks. I know of someone who's dog ran off afraid of the fireworks and ended up hit by a train and die cause she was terrified. There's no need for fireworks. Too many un educated people out there and too easy access to purchase these things. Not a fan!

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There's no need for private fireworks displays. You have people with no training or respect letting off fireworks in residential areas. It doesn't matter what restrictions you put on the use of fireworks, people will still set them off on the wrong days and outside of the designated hours. I've seen people setting them off in their front yards just feet from the public sidewalk and the houses next door. Extremely dangerous and inconsiderate. Just ban them completely for private users please.

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In the past few years, I've seen multiple times people using fireworks on weekdays in the middle of night, and in the middle of the streets near houses and cars.

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I think for celebrations certain times of the year related to federal or provincial celebrations is acceptable, but not for religious display or cultural practices, if they were required to do it within certain limitations it would be acceptable or if there was a licensing/permit system if people wanted to use fireworks and it would require some form of safety course which would then outline the rules and inturn consequences of failing yo abide to the rule set. Which is to say throw the book at them if they did the safety course and still failed to abide. To be clear non Canadian celebrations would require a permit to use fireworks outside of national/prov. Holidays.

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For Kitchener, I think the time of 11pm is too late. It should be earlier, like 10pm. Unfortunately, some people are not using fireworks properly, and risking themselves and others. No amount of regulations are going to stop them. It spoils it for those who do handle them properly. As noted above, I am concerned of the stress the noise puts on some people and animals.

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Private firework displays regularly do not follow the bylaws and some people set them off much too late in the evening or on days that are not allowed. This causes a great deal of stress as I'm not sure when it's safe to walk my dog around the times/days people like to set them off. Bylaw would not arrive in time or does nothing to enforce the rules.

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Since some people can not already follow the rules laid out I believe fireworks should just be banned. None follows no fire works after 11pm, annoyed being woken up at 2am to a neighbour lighting off fire works.

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It's mostly the noise and idiots needing protection from themselves. I have seen fireworks used safely in a neighbourhood event. I know a child who was hurt by drunk adults using fireworks incorrectly. I don't want to ban them all because some people are idiots.

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I would like to see them banned. People don't respect the rules and there are too many infractions for bylaw to keep up. It's also difficult to call in violations without knowing the address. We've had them going off constantly on some holidays 8pm to 2am constantly.

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I think there are more interesting ways for the city to celebrate things,

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but AI don't support outright bans.

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Misuse of fireworks enforcement is missing in these lists

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I think the solution is to not allow the sale of fireworks in K/W. It has become a serious safety issue in our city as well as an overuse

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I live in the Doon area and this past year has been the worst I have ever experienced! I strongly support a total ban because regulations are not being followed. When these holidays happen, the city and or police should be out enforcing the rules and laying necessary charges.

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If there are going to be increased laws about fireworks then there needs to be officers patrolling the situation in a timely manner.

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I would rather look at how to handle those who abuse fireworks regulations (ie setting them off on non-approved dates or outside of hours allowed, etc) as opposed to banning or changing the rules. Many people follow the regulations respectfully. A favourite family tradition is walking around the community observing the fireworks set off by others for Canada Day or Diwali, it would be sad to see those traditions end.

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Does Cambridge not have fireworks regulations?

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Fireworks should not be permitted for religious events - period. Events that include ALL - ie Canada Day/Labour Day/Victoria Day. Adding religious events increases a divide. Very poor political move to add them.

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Use of private or household fireworks is out of control in Kitchener, please ban it!

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Fireworks are a way people enjoy celebrating a graduation, wedding or other monumental occasions. Everytime I have been present or a part of fireworks we take proper precautions, and make sure everyone present understands. To target law abiding citizens with

laws for no reason seems like a complete waste of tax dollars in a community where taxes are on course to double every 7 years. I personally don't like pets but I don't complain to the township that other people shouldn't be allowed to have pets because I find them disruptive. In the same way people enjoy their happy dogs I should have the right to enjoy fireworks when I have something to celebrate without having to jump through needless tax grabbing hoops.

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There are too many large, unsafe fireworks being used on the street and close to houses. It has a negative effect on quality of life for local wildlife, pets, my family and myself.

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I strongly support city organized events. Ban completely private events. Ban sale of fireworks.

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I would request stinger and more prompt response by Bylaw Officers to complaints about Fireworks!

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As illustrated in downtown Kitchener under a controlled fireworks display several people were injured. Also the mayhem it has created in public areas such as Victoria Park is downright scary. This mode of celebrating rituals etc should be banned as it disturbs people's sleep, upsets those with PTSD, animals etc. I live in the Doon/Pioneer Park area where there are a large majority of East Indians and they seem to set off fireworks regardless of the designated day on the Canada Day and Victoria day weekends especially. Please strongly consider a ban

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I live in Doon South Kitchener, fireworks are being set off days before and after designated days, and until well after the cut off (sometimes until 1 pr 2am), people are setting them off way too close to homes, cars, people. No one is following the bylaws and complaints/bylaws are not being followed up on.

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Too many people continue to set off fireworks in illegal places (public parks) and on days not allowed (one or two days before and after official days for fireworks). This disrupts people, pets, wildlife and causes pollution plus safety issues with misdirected fireworks and accidents. Also, there is a fire risk if they are set off on dry days. I would support the use of quiet drone fireworks. But really, let's save some money and not set them off at all. Or maybe Kitchener and Waterloo alternate years setting them off.

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People in our neighbourhood set off fireworks anytime they want, as late at night as they want. If Bylaw was called, undoubtedly they would arrive after the fireworks were finished.

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Please please please ban fireworks completely.

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If safety is a concern, the city should provide a space or an opportunity to celebrate the occasion (eg Diwali) with fireworks display

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Diwali fireworks have always been the issue. This surgery wouldn't even be happening right now if we didn't allow fireworks to celebrate Diwali. There has NEVER been such a strong negative response to fireworks before allowing Diwali to celebrate with them. They set them off in illegal locations, they do not respect noise bylaws because they go all night long (this is 100% factual as every single time it's Diwali and you try to call bylaw because your neighbours are setting them off all night long you can NEVER get through to them on the phone), and they leave all the garbage and debris without cleaning them up. We all know that DIWALI IS THE PROBLEM! Ban fireworks for Diwali!!! They have ruined it for everyone!

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Ban private fireworks! It's getting out of control and very dangerous! Also awful for all the poor animals.

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We live in Doon South with a large population where Diwali is celebrated. Fireworks being set off from 7pm until 2-3am in the morning continuously. Understand it is important to this segment of our population but how about enforcing 8pm-11pm under proper circumstances. They are being set off in driveways, backyards, front yards and public parks. All of which are supposed to be illegal. Also issues with rules being broken on Long weekends and Canada Day! We have pets who are terrified of fireworks so that adds to my frustration. It is impossible to enforce any regulations so I fully support a total ban on fireworks within City Limits.

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The fireworks set off at private homes is out of control. Particularly for Diwali. Setting them off for 3 days in a row from 5 pm until 2 am is completely disruptive and inappropriate.

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I strongly support in having a community/city fireworks display but not necessarily a private household allowed to use fireworks

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There are better ways to use our "increased " tax dollars. Stop taking the fun away from residents by regulating everything we enjoy!

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Would support a ban on fireworks in city limits - should be done in a central location with proper fire supervision. No amount of education will improve the situation. The cost to citizens (PTSD, children, pets) far outweighs the "nice to have" social benefits to other groups. They suffer in silence and it's not fair to them. I have dealt with fires in my backyard due to neighbours not properly setting off but there is no effective mechanism to to stop it from happening. Private fireworks are not able to be controlled or monitored so should be banned.

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We are over regulated as it is. Let the kids have their fun. Permitted days around Canada Day and Victoria day should be expanded to allow for rain make up days.

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Private fireworks should be banned and only set off by the city at a public event. I have seen people set fireworks off directly next to a car in a driveway with kids present. The last 5 years the fireworks have become extremely common and run extremely late into the night. One night they were going off still at 2 am. I could not tell where they were coming from to even be able to file a complaint.

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Have designated areas for fireworks run by licensed people. Private displays must be licensed and fireworks purchased from licensed vendors.

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This needs to ban now .last year on Diwali random people did it on right beside neighbor close to our car..the house got vacant that moment and we were out the remai s netball over our driveway..it was 9:30 pm around. Pls ban for good.

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For me, it's mostly the late night/early morning stuff...fireworks at 4am. I don't know the workings of by-law enforcement but those that choose to set off fireworks after hours probably almost always "get away with it".

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Ban all private household fireworks and increase city run fireworks on holidays, charge a fee if u have to

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The impact on people who have experienced war is the most important factor on whether fireworks should be permitted.

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Adding more regulations doesn't do anything at all. Compliance with regulations isn't followed as there are no repercussions to the offenders and it is hard to 'catch' them. So, unless there is a complete ban, this survey is completely useless.

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More regulations will do nothing without the ability to enforce the regulations. There is no way by-law enforcement officers can adequately respond to numerous simultaneous issues across the region.

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People do not follow regulations and you do not have enough staff. So banning household fireworks is unfortunately required in my opinion. Having more public fireworks would be nice though.

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It can be cultural or religious. But there are many ways of celebrate without fireworks. Small mistake/negligence can someone lost their lives, homes etc. Please make stronger rules for household and private fire works and make everyone feel safe in our community.

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They are being misused by private individuals. Often disrupting sleep. I have no confidence that reports would actually lead to enforcement

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Why Diwali has special status/permission to use fireworks as opposed to any other celebration?

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I stated this above but honestly, if fireworks are allowed to be sold with instructions on the use process, the city/region etc. doesn't need to respond or change any rules. I have been a member of this city for over 30 years, there are only a handful of people that say anything negative about fireworks. I have 2 dogs and no they don't like the noise, but we keep them inside so that the vast majority of the population and enjoy the beauty of the fireworks.

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No law or bylaw will ever stop me from letting fireworks off on canada and celebrating with my fellow patriots.

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During Diwali there is always fireworks being set off in the middle of the street. With debris falling on neighbouring lawns, houses and cars. The mess is never cleaned up.

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They are extremely dangerous in the amateurs hands. Mixing alcohol with fireworks just makes it accident waiting to happen.

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I would support the ban of fireworks sales for individual people. If a township has a permit, I don't have a problem with trained people buying them.

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Public firework display in controlled manner is good. Private displays have too much risk and I would support full ban.

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Let's educate folks to use fireworks safely

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I support public events or displays or availability of safe and appropriate public spaces for private use of fireworks. The lack of enforcement in obviously prohibited areas (ie residential streets with no open spaces to safely set off fireworks with minimal disruption) is incredibly annoying. For perspective I grew up in a culture that heavily appreciated fireworks for major occasions. But our community is very diverse, and I agree many of us, even myself, no longer appreciate private displays being set off so close to homes and during hours when you don't appreciate the disruption.

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I am concerned that this survey will disproportionately attract responses from individuals with negative opinions about fireworks, driven by exaggerated outrage. Fireworks bring joy to many and are a cultural and celebratory tradition that fosters community connection. Most residents who support fireworks likely won't feel compelled to respond because they view the current practices as acceptable and see fireworks as a net positive for the community. I hope the feedback collected reflects a balanced perspective that includes the many residents who quietly appreciate and enjoy fireworks as part of our celebrations.

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Leave it alone. A few squeaky wheels always ruin it for the majority who just want to be left alone and enjoy their families and celebrate. You wind up passing laws based on a very vocal very small minority that enrages everyone else who was peacefully raising their family and had no idea another restriction was up for a vote they once again needed to take time to oppose

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Some of the above questions are vague and ask about opinions on fireworks in general, and I want to be clear. I fully support public firework events, they are well scheduled and advertised (so residents can plan accordingly), they practice good safety measures, and they bring the community together. I'm even happy to put money towards community fireworks. What I do not appreciate is people setting off private fireworks at random hours, next door to my house, or in the middle of my street, where there are houses that can catch fire, and people that will be woken up.

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These questions are great and all but we do have specific days when fireworks are allowed but that doesn't seem to matter. Fireworks go on all summer and there doesn't seem to be any enforcement of the regulations

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With fireworks being allowed to be set off until 11pm on the day after holidays, especially Victoria Day, it is hard for people to get enough sleep to attend work and school the next day.

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Those who do not enjoy fireworks should move further out of town.

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People are setting off fireworks in the streets

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Don't waste any money on this issues. There are more important issues to use staff resources on. Just ignore everyone complaining, reduce taxes and put money to better use. Waste of everyone's time and hard owned money spent on property taxes.

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I'm a student at the University of Waterloo and have only been here since September last year, and so my experience of fireworks in the KW region is fairly marginal, though in the time I've been here my sleep has already been disturbed a couple of times by early morning fireworks. In general I don't believe fireworks offer a lot of community

benefits - specifically I don't think that it brings people together since people tend to already be together for certain events (Canada Day, New Year's) for dinners and other celebrations and add watching fireworks to their plan as a filler activity. I understand that there are some cultural celebrations for other peoples that include fireworks as a key component, but would it be possible to organize displays for these events through the city's Arts and Culture division instead of every private resident needing to make their own display? I think this would also drive civic engagement with the council since people would take an interest in wanting their traditions organized well.

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Thank you for consulting, Drone displays are much safer and accomplish many of the same outcomes to bring people together and celebrate in an even more create way.

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Private fireworks use and sale should banned and only for city purpose use

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Fireworks are extremely dangerous especially when people do it privately on the roads, parks and in their yards. All fireworks must be banned unless done by the city in an open area where there's no chance of property damage and injuries.

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Fireworks are a Canadian tradition. Just because someone is inconvenienced or offended does not mean we should stop something or add regulations. As long as residents are respectful, I do not see a concern.

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Fireworks in neighborhoods has got completely out of control and are very disruptive and dangerous. Days and days of fireworks going off all night is ridiculous! My dog now needs medicine because if it. Please ban them! Now!

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This is ridiculous. Dont you have more important things to worry about?

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Thank you for taking our complaints into consideration.

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I am licensed in the safe handling, storage, and discharge of fireworks. My ability to put on small/medium sized private shows (20-

30 minutes) has always been a highlight on our street and the neighbors are always welcoming of the show and the kids around love it. I believe the use should remain limited to holidays and more education around safe discharging should be explored (not in backyards, over neighboring houses). I am fortunate to live next to a field that the owner has given me permission to use over the may holiday, before any crops are planted and ensure all shells are discharged at an appropriate distance away from houses and people.

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The public that choose to set off fireworks are not following the rules already set so would continue to set off fireworks even with stronger restrictions as they are not held accountable. As fireworks are obviously set off at night it's useless calling or reporting to bylaw as you have to have an address where they're been let off, not enough bylaw officers available 24/7, many people have to stay home with children & pets that are terrified or family members who suffer from PDSD. I think the region should either find an alternative way to celebrate eg laser show etc

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Require a permit to set off fireworks and only allow the sale of fireworks in the region to permit holders.

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I understand that fireworks fall under bylaw enforcement. I live beside a city park (Mausser Parkand fireworks go on for several nights

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Shop be done only on Canada days

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Last year for Diwali my house got hit directly several time by a firework because the neighbours were just placing them on their driveway and it fell over. They blamed it on a faulty firework. Houses these days are too close together to be doing private displays in neighborhood's

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Canada day, Victoria day & new years are traditional Canadian holidays that have fireworks. On those days only and with time restrictions

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Public displays are great but I do not agree with private households setting them off

Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 05:54 PM	I understand fireworks fall under bylaw enforcement. More enforcement is needed on the days fireworks are allowed. You can have all the regulations you can think of but they must be enforced or they mean nothing.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 05:57 PM	People don't respect the regulations we currently have and unfortunately they makes our image and frustrating for the majority of the population. Very supportive of no private fireworks.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 05:58 PM	All fireworks should be done by municipalities, cities - or large businesses such as Canada's Wonderland. No permits for private citizens to use fireworks in pubic parks etc., and this is heavily abused. Would rather ultimately see ALL of them replaced with laser light shows or something similar eventually. Dangerous, polluting, noisy and not necessary for the harm they cause.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 05:59 PM	Neighbors in my community DO NOT adhere to the rules of fireworks. Letting them off until 1 in the morning in their backyard is disruptive to people trying to sleep, babies and small kids, animals etc. I've seen lit fireworks land on people's roofs, in trees and even towards crowds. Also being set off on days prior to the actual holiday and after the holiday. I support a complete ban on private fireworks in neighbourhoods. It is very unsafe, disrespectful and disruptive.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 06:01 PM	We had neighbours setting off fireworks all hour of the night and getting aggressive with neighbours. They also litter and do not clean up.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 06:02 PM	Ban Diwali fireworks
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 06:03 PM	Fireworks set off in any location affects people and animals for great distances, sometimes measured in kilometers around. There is no respect. People just light the up whenever they want to with no regard for what others are doing at the time. Nearby fireworks adversely affects my enjoyment of my personal space.
Screen Name Redacted 1/29/2025 06:04 PM	Fireworks should not be banned. As long as rules are followed, people should be allowed to buy them and set them off.
Screen Name Redacted	If regulations were enforced and obeyed there would be few

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problems. Unfortunately many seem oblivious to or don't care about the rules and enforcement is essentially impossible except for large public events which generally obey the bylaws anyway. Control of fireworks sales might be a feasible way to reduce but not eliminate some of the annoying/dangerous improper use cases.

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I don't feel the rules need to be changed. It's the public disregard for the set times that is the issue.

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I support a ban on fireworks sales and private fireworks, if there were public fireworks available in various locations to celebrate key days including Canada Day, Diwali, etc. If public fireworks is not expanded or offered then require a permit for private fireworks and increase the age for the sale of fireworks and require the permit before purchasing them. As well as confirmation of safety training before purchase.

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People do not follow the rules. They set off fireworks at the wrong time, the wrong days and in the middle of the road. It is not safe and I have worried about my safety .

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As a dog owner, fireworks can be very disruptive

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People will continue to break rules and be selfish. The only way to get around that is to ban fireworks entirely. People do not adhere to the 11:00 cut off and are not mindful of the rules. Backyard fireworks are ridiculous and unsafe.

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Fireworks are great, but I strongly support limiting fireworks within region to official events only; and requiring permits for all private use, and further restrictions on private use. Further, I support banning the sale of fireworks within region.

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I feel that every weekend in the summer in Cambridge I hear fireworks. They also are being set off well beyond a reasonable time of night. I have never made a complaint to bylaw because where I live makes it difficult to ascertain exactly where they're being set off.

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if people use them to hurt other toss them in jail 1 to 5 years

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Tell local government to stop dealing with issues like this and deal with crime in our cities. Fireworks have been around for centuries and now we have a problem, we don't. This is the problem with government deal with real issues like infrastructure.

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I think private fireworks should be banned. Go back to the 90's when everyone gathered at organized PUBLIC run fireworks displays. These were safe and actually brought communities together. I live in Doon and hate seeing private houses setting off fireworks on the street or near houses. This needs to be banned for private use.

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It's being abused. It wasn't an issue 10+ years ago. We would still hear them lit off on the days before and after an event as people had left overs. But now it's just absurd. I will hear them daily for weeks after an event. I'm so tired of it.

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It is disruptive to my son who has anxiety with loud noises and is ASD. My pet is also a basket case during these nights that are never ending. No one sleeps. There is no one patrolling. The fireworks that are set off on my street are too close to homes and I've had sparks fly into my gazebo. The garbage produced in other areas such as schools and parks is obscene and disgusting. Again no one patrolling or handing out fines for this. Why are vendors even here? Get them out. We can celebrate any holiday without them. They are not a necessity. They're obnoxious.

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We live very close to McLellan Park. It is not unusual to have fireworks go off until 3-4 am. Some fireworks comes dangerously close to homes in the neighborhood. Despite calls to the bylaw and our MP nothing has been done other than a sign at the entrance to the park. This was new for the last fireworks. What is needed is patrol and more fines. This is horrible for the environment and the distress of some animals and people.

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The fireworks issue has become unmanageable in many neighborhoods. People are setting them off for a week after the actual date and late hours. They do it in front of their homes and in the middle of street causing dangerous driving conditions and pedestrian conditions. There have been many occasions in which I think my house will catch fire and have found fireworks casings next to my house. If the direction is to build homes closer and closer to each other, we need to put in place further restrictions on the use of fireworks. There is not enough room in newer communities like mine

to accommodate this.

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Fireworks are excessively used in our neighbourhood of South Kitchener. People light them off whenever they feel like it and do not obey noise bylaws after 11. It causes great dirress to those with PTSD as well as disruption to our animal neigh ours and domestic pets. I love them, please don't misunderstand me, but there is a time and place and private neighborhoods isn't it.

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If you do research of fireworks and the damage it causes to environment as well as the risk of cancer from all the chemicals that are in these fireworks it is quite concerning.

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In 2023, some people from a neighbouring condo building fire fireworks at my condo building which could've easily damaged my balcony furniture and in 2024, some people from my neighbouring building fired fireworks over the Duke St when there was traffic. Basically the regulations we currently have in place are not being followed or enforced so I think we need to restrict access to fireworks and actually enforce meaningful penalties (i.e., not warnings or slaps on the wrist) when those regulations are ignored because property damage and traffic hazards are sadly becoming more of an issue with fireworks use.

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Please add full firework ban. They are not necessary and are terrifying for farm and other animals. When I walk my dogs the day after fireworks there is pollution all over the park.

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Recommend merging fire departments to a regional service if there is a concern on capacity. I'm very tired hearing about people concerned about their dogs and loud noises when I listen to those same dogs make noise all night long. Please stop over regulating an activity that is already federally regulated. Fireworks in Canada have limits. I would prefer to see how many fireworks related fires are dealt with each year (compared to other causes) than nuisance/noise calls.

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To ban is to mute tradition and culture. Canada is a inclusive country and people are wanting a sterile world with nothing of any culture anymore. We have become a society that wants only what one person wants and damn the rest. It should be a majority wins

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New homeowners and new members of the community, and even older homeowners, everyone can use a refresher on the bylaws and best use practices of fireworks and other community standards. I don't know if more rules would do anything if there's no enforcement.

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They should be banned. If they are not banned people will continue to not follow the rules or restrictions, just like they ignore them now. Bylaw resources will continue to be wasted responding to calls and nothing will change as far as the public's usage of them.

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I think people value the tradition of fireworks so maybe public, city permitted events will allow the continued tradition without the disruptions and safety concerns across the city. Education for vendors and citizens sounds good on paper but the city has been posting and educating for years with no changes resulting. Vendors being educated doesn't change anything. They're in it for sales and can't enforce people doing things properly when fireworks are taken home. Bylaw can't keep up with complaints when anyone and everyone can buy and set off fireworks. No one abides by the days allowed rules now..Changing those rules wont make any difference. It's become a major nuisance in Kitchener. Parents with children trying to sleep, households with pets that are stressed with the noise, adults and children with sensitivities...and they are suffering because people set off fireworks beyond the allowed days and times with no respect for the rules. Ample opportunity has been given for people to follow the rules and they've not shown they can.

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I feel that unfortunately many people feel entitled to set off fireworks whenever they have a birthday or other celebration in total disregard for the regulations. The damage this is doing not only to the air we breathe but the environment also when people don't clean up after themselves is a disgrace and future generations will suffer the consequences of these actions. Please ban the sale of fireworks for private use!

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Ban them everywhere!!!! There are NO benefits. I have to drive my dog to other neighbourhoods just to pee. It's insane and so unsafe and by law doesn't do anything.

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More than anything, the biggest issue is enforcement of existing rules. If the city is unable to provide consistent and immediate enforcement of by laws, then it should be banned outright and police should become more involved.

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Unfortunately the ignorance of some regarding fireworks at home or in small public places with not cleaning up after themselves and leaving tons of garbage behind, setting them off at ridiculously late hours, and setting them off in driveways or small neighbourhood streets unsafely has ruined it for the greater group. It has got so out of hand and now we have to ban it all together aside from city regulated events.

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I don't want my tax dollars paying for such an event.

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Fireworks should be restricted to a maximum 3 days per year and should not be permitted on any private residence. Public fireworks put on by the city only.

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Unfortunately I believe that immigrants disregard the rules surrounding fireworks. In my 60+ years fireworks never seemed to be an issue. With the influx of immigrants it has become a HUGE as they disregard the rules

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We have had fireworks displays in the park in Hopewell Heights in Breslau-families don't know how to set them off properly, causing danger to others. I fin them very disruptive.

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No household fireworks people are too reckless and have no regard for their neighbours or the living animals nearby. Public fireworks should be the only ones allowed at various venues!

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Kids are always gonna get their hands on fireworks and set them off at stupid times- and run before they can get caught, don't make crazy rules to penalize the normal families who want to celebrate things in the summer

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People are no longer respectful enough of others to use fireworks appropriately and bylaw is unable to enforce misuse. I would prefer to see fireworks controlled by the city only.

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No need for them Livestock , pets and humans are negatively affected Keep the fireworks if you must have them in the big city

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Stop allowing them to be sold and set off at all!! Even with more education people don't care. They don't follow have the other rules and bylaws in place either.

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Fireworks should only be permitted once a year in Canada Day. It's something every resident can relate to and is part of.

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Fireworks on private property is constantly being misused. I have neighbours who set off fireworks and throw them onto the street to set off. With bylaw not always being around to address this issue it is a concern. Also not all of us have the day off following fireworks celebrations and it makes it hard to sleep because neighbours don't follow the rules and set off fireworks until the am hours of the night.

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During certain religious events there are some cultures who are very disrespectful to the community in their overuse of fireworks cause noise pollution as well as health and safety concerns within the community. This needs to be managed appropriately as it is a rather new phenomenon that I did not experience for over 47 years in my life in Canada.

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Fireworks still going off at all hours of the night, not enough bylaw officers to handle the number of complaints, disregard for the laws around fireworks timing and location. Certain ethnic communities that completely disregard the rules and the effects fireworks have on their neighbors. Enough is enough.....

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Public firework events draw too many people and are more headache for parking, entering/exiting than attending.

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I love public fireworks and greatly miss the ones at Columbia Lake, however, I do not like people setting off fireworks at the school across the street from me at all hours of the night on every single holiday. It's very disruptive to my young child and pets as well as my sleep. I'd support minimizing the hours they are permitted and better enforcement of the regulations.

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They are so disruptive and stressful to animals/pets. People light private fireworks at homes or rental units outside of the stated days/hours. By the time you call in a complaint or even try to figure

out where they were lit off the People are gone.

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No more in city (town) fireworks only in a park designated by the city with a permit to display fireworks with rules attached

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fire works are important, but i would agree to reduce the hours and cap to 10 pm.

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Organised fireworks for special events in a safe environment is ok. But fireworks in late hours in multiple households is too much of disturbance and safety hazard.

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I would strongly support the total ban of fireworks. They are expensive, dangerous and serve no real purpose. They are anxiety provoking and disrupt pets, wildlife and farm animals, wake up babies and negatively effects people with ptsd including our veterans who deserve a little more respect.

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Keep traditions alive and donor ban fireworks

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I think big fireworks should not be sold .i think people will have any issue with small fireworks like sparklers & flowerpot etc. Government shouldn't gave permits for the sale of loud fireworks .

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I have been licensed by MNR as an Expert Fireworks Supervisor since 1985. The city By-Law is flawed. The by-law actually contributes to a higher level of danger to people and property in the way it is written. I would be happy to discuss in further detail. My email is pyrofishtoo@gmail.com

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Find people are very disrespectful of the time to end Fireworks at night. Sometimes they are still going off in the early morning hours.

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I am not trying to be racist in any way, I appreciate all cultures celebrating however the last two years the fireworks during Diwali have been wildly unsafe. I would rather the city put on an event where those celebrating can gather for a public display as they are NOT safe lighting off fire works privately. This past Diwali we experienced property damage to my car and our house roof due to neighbours

lighting off fireworks in their driveways. No one follows the rules despite the flyer that was sent out in the mail. No one looks at that. It just gets thrown out. We told our neighbours about the flyer and the rules and they didn't know what we were talking about. I support a full ban but if a full ban is not an option please put on a SAFE, public display for them to attend similar to Canada Day and ban the selling of private fireworks. My neighbour lit off an industrial sized one that was 6 feet long in their driveway, held down by bricks, which caused property damage to us. It is ridiculous. We called the city and the non emergency line and they said we were number 186 on their list of property damage and there was nothing they could do. Please enforce safe fireworks. Again, I am fine with others celebrating but at what cost , it's not fair my property is getting damaged as a result. I don't do this to others.

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Soon we will be allowing fireworks for any occasion. Why is there no enforcement when they are being set off at any time or day!

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As long as people are educated on how to set off fireworks safely then I don't see a problem with it. I feel education needs to be given out. Proper distance from buildings and a water bucket near by.

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Its religious and culture activity without that can't feel like festival . At least we should allow 2-3 restricted hours to enjoy it but not all day

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Surely by now we as humans should be smarter about how we treat our environment and others in it. What would be wrong with a light display without the disruption and garbage left by traditional fireworks? The mayor of our township should have to apologize for the way he handled fireworks in Linwood. Mind you he did get a pretty fabulous slow roasting on the radio and social media.

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I am strongly in favour of an annual municipal fireworks show (eg Canada Day), but strongly opposed to private fireworks. Reasons for my support include the sheer awe factor, the community engagement, and controlled safety measures. Similarly, reasons for my opposition primarily revolve around the lack of spectacle combined with nuisance and safety concerns.

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We use to enjoy fireworks at parks, but not no more ,it's getting out of hand that no no how to safely use.

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I would support a complete ban of private fireworks. People do not respect the permitted dates or the 11:00 pm cutoff, which causes disturbances.

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Please just stop. There is no benefit to anyone setting off fireworks, pets are way stressed out during this period and so many of them run in fear.

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Your question regarding "Distress to persons with anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)" This is a very narrow focused mindset. There are a multitude of other conditions and illness that at the very least it should be noted that those conditions 2 are examples and not a comprehensive list

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Even though fireworks are a Canadian tradition, continuing to use them now seems very wasteful and irresponsible. Private or household fireworks should definitely be banned...no exceptions. Perhaps the time has come to end municipal displays as well. This would set a good example and demonstrate our commitment to reducing waste and respecting our environment and all of the beautiful nature and animals we are so fortunate to share our city with. I think we can work together to find much safer and more responsible ways to celebrate special occasions. It's definitely time for change.

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We have rules and regulations already for residential and set hours and days and people don't abide the rules and regardless what change you would make people do what they want ..in my opinion by banning completely fireworks it would be very clear

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Firework at public places - parks, streets, school ground should be stoped. Only sparkles should be allowed

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I like the idea of public fireworks as they are very much scheduled at a predictable time and place and allow many people to partake, while employing appropriate safety standards. Private fireworks are disruptive to the community and difficult to regulate. I feel that they cause more animosity toward neighbours vs bringing people together. The effect they have on pets and the disruptions they can cause to those with sleeping infants is not worth it. Not to mention the lack of safety that often comes with setting them off on front lawns and in the streets, whether allowed or not. The curfew on when they can be set

off is often not adhered to either.

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How does it makes sense to ban fireworks for all the people in the community just because of some stupid morons. Do you stop going to the park with your kid because your neighbors kid got hurt? No right? You just take better precautions and education for next time you go to the park. It's that easy no big of a deal. And besides we have better problems to deal with, in the community right now rather than focusing on fireworks to be honest

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The current bylaws doesn't allow for ppl to use parks, baseball diamonds etc. I honestly feel like these are safer areas then the road, driveways, backyards of the new developments where the houses are literally on top of each other. I recognize that the parks would probably be left with litter but maybe instead of spending the money on education we invest in some clean up crews?

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I have always felt fireworks are very harmful for the environment and animals. It's terrible for wildlife and pets that are afraid of the noises. I have felt this way for years. In the last couple years, specific groups of people have caused a lot of harm to the environment which has started to affect the people as well. It's also disruptive to small children and babies who are sleeping by the time fireworks are typically set off. There are no benefits to fireworks in my opinion and I highly support banning of public sales of fireworks in the province.

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I strongly disagree with banning, sadly you'll always have people that follow rules and those that don't. I have no idea what to suggest to make it better for those that are uneducated.

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Canada has few traditions. Let's not take one away. We should not all suffer the consequences of a few bad apples. Instead, add more officers on the nights that fireworks are expected to enforce regulations. If you ban fireworks there will only be more resentment of newcomers as it's definitely 'them' who cause the rest of us to lose our privileges.

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Fireworks should be completely banned in our city. We have had property damage because of teenagers setting them off. They are loud and very disruptive. I would love to see them banned

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If those using fireworks are respectful of how late they set them off, and they don't go on for more than 1 night, I think a few fireworks are ok if they're set off in an open park not near homes, not a back yard.

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I don't think we need to ban fireworks, would be nice to have set days and times for noise

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People aren't responsible enough to set of fireworks for personal use. Corner stores shouldn't sell them , because they sell to anyone

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Ban the fireworks before my house burns down! I have permanent paint damage on a new car and watching burning embers on my garage roof is not a pleasant experience! So done with this city trying to please one cultural group. It's created a great deal of division and hatred in our community.

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We have enough rules and regulations for fireworks use. We don't need new rules. Just enforce the ones we have.

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I live by McLennan Park. Fireworks are typically going off until 1 am. Have officers near parks on the days/weekends where people set them off and make sure they aren't lit passed 11 pm.

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Individuals setting of private fireworks are not following the rules - they are not restricting use to the required time frame. Individuals are not using proper safety when setting off fireworks. There is no need to set off fireworks inside a city, especially by those who are untrained.

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There are not enough bylaw staff to enforce any firework rules, fireworks are not necessary. They keep people awake all night, including children and babies. They scare animals, so many dogs runaway when there are fireworks- I'm sure Ground Search and Rescue could attest to that... The sheer amount of irresponsible people that use them is insane. The last holiday they were "allowed" I was walking and someone shot one out of their kitchen window in a stacked town house. I live across come a park with power lines above and people light fireworks right under them. Make them illegal - public shows could use drones it's time to evolve.

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Let people enjoy. Dont bring environment in this as if kitchener only

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bans then it will not affect to environment.

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I do not understand why fireworks are not allowed on new year's eve but are allowed on Diwali

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The only problem I have is the long duration of fireworks and into the very late night. All firework activity should take place under an hour, and before 11pm. Recently they go on for hours and past midnight. Thank you for asking!

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I think the drone show the City of Waterloo does for Canada Day is a great solution to celebrate! I would love to see more restrictions on personal fireworks, but I have limited faith that anything would be done to enforce it. I think there needs to be consideration of the cultural celebrations that involve fireworks and making sure that those communities have a viable way to celebrate.

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Each time fire works are set off, my dog is terrified and spends hours shaking and panting with anxiety. I have been woken up more than once because of teenagers letting off fireworks in the school yard behind my house.

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Fireworks are used way more often than the regulations permit. Measures to enforce the currently allowed days would be great

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It's become so out of hand. I would support funding more public fireworks displays and a complete ban on household or private use of fireworks.

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I have always loved/enjoyed watching a good fireworks display. There is something beautiful and magical about them. I understand the safety and noise concerns, but they are only put on a few times a year and other than the occasional people who let them off after midnight, there havent been many reported incidents of danger reported in Waterloo region.

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Concerns are mainly the hours of the day that this is allowed.

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Silent fireworks or good, creative drone displays are better options.

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Especially with the wildlife and the fact we use groundwater for drinking. There are many ways to celebrate that don't involve burning and exploding objects (unless done and cleaned up properly)

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I believe that community organizations and schools and fairs etc should be encouraged to have fireworks displays and private displays should be discouraged. Have permits easy to obtain for clubs and churches etc and neighbourhood groups too that want to celebrate and publicize them. Let's all join in and this will lessen disruptive private displays. People want them, let's do it as a community. St Teresa in Elmira used to have a great display each year with the firefighters there. This was ideal, safe and a fun community event. That's the kind of event to make happen, even better if the township had their own fireworks at Bolender Park for example. Or Lions Park or the arena track. Take donations and folks would contribute. Aside from the syrup festival we don't have a fair or anything and we need one. Something in the spring or summer would bring in local tourists and create fun traditions.

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When used in a safe manner fireworks can be an enjoyable experience. Backyard fireworks in compact neighborhoods is not safe. In large open spaces or over water increases safety.

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Fireworks should not be allowed to be set off in residential homes. I have seen so many people using them with no safety to themselves or others The fireworks are being used at all times of the day and night there is a lack of authority for those using the fireworks. I'm tired of listening to fireworks late at night and after midnight I would be happy if they ban residence use altogether

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Go back to how it was. Canada and Labour Day. No added religious ones. They abuse the regulations and we have had lots of problems and no enforcement of the laws.

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People setting off fireworks in the middle of the night in downtown Kitchener is annoying.

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There never used to be a problem to the extent that there is now with fireworks in neighbourhoods until we began "celebrating" Diwali. I appreciate that we have diverse cultures in our community but you don't see anyone setting off fireworks for Chinese New Year or other celebrations like that. The majority of the problem is around Diwali.

No one enforces the current bylaw and the offenders know this so they'll do what they want. It's a shame because organized fireworks are a fun thing and something this region has done fireworks years (Canada Day, Victoria Day) not Diwali or every other weekend until the snow falls.

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Fireworks should only be done at an organized event where it is done by professionals. People in the community should not be allowed to do at their homes as it's been proven that it is done unsafely and no one follows the current rules set in place.

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I think the city should ban religious holiday fireworks (private fireworks) but instead show support to our Indian communities by doing fireworks at city hall

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My mom, a multi-stroke survivor with fibromyalgia, once got singed on her leg by a teenager firing fireworks at her when she was visiting during Canada day 2024. It seems there is lack of accountability and appropriate punishment for assaulting someone here which makes me sad and worried.

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I think legislating sales and availability will be too difficult to enforce. Spend more effort enforcing rules around when and how they can be used. Strict penalties for misuse.

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So many times couldn't sleep because of too much noise caused by fireworks. Also my grandson was terrified of the noises so late at night.

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My biggest complaints about fireworks are inappropriate launching locations (in tight neighborhoods especially) and the hours of launching (very late, often on days near holidays, but not during the holidays themselves). They are very disruptive for kids and pets, and I would be more tolerant of them if people launching them privately did it more safely and only on certain proscribed occasions.

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Hello, please completely ban the fireworks throughout the year. Thank you.

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It's all fine to have regulations but how to enforce them?!

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We moved to the new development Fusion homes is building by Teppermans. The neighborhood is very diverse, and we experienced our first Diwali. People were lighting fireworks off the sidewalks and in the public park and in their backyard at 1am. There was a lot of debris on sidewalks and on the streets as nobody cleaned up after themselves. More education around private fireworks is necessary.

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Fireworks are fine as long as they are used at appropriate times on the days that are allowed. 2am fireworks 3 days after they were supposed to be used should be heavily punished.

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I am a 28 year old male who has lived in Kitchener my entire life. I used to enjoy fireworks as a child. However, seeing the impact it has on people who experience PTSD, as well as animals, I do not believe the benefit outweighs the cons. I also believe that private fireworks have gotten way out of control. There have been times where I will hear fireworks going off until 3am on a weekday. I support a full ban on fireworks except for city ran displays. That being said I think the uproar from the community would be too large to outright ban, so in this case requiring permits for private fireworks is a good start.

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The regulations are very common sense. However common sense doesn't exist it seems these days. I fear my house catching fire every time. The regulations are not followed. Bylaw will never be able to respond in a timely fashion. The times are never respected. I have Indian friends, and they are upset with the new Indians that have recently moved to the country and region that are ruining it for everyone. I could care less what nationality is setting off the fireworks. Danger is danger.

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Fireworks are set off at all hours with no regards for the public or our wildlife. I would love to see a total ban on the sales of Fireworks

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Please don't ban fireworks completely. Small fireworks like sparkles, fountains etc are so much fun. Restrict ones with loud noise if you want. Small fireworks has same risk as campfire, backyard fire pits, outdoor bbqs and cigarette butts. Other than banning it completely, educate people with timings, location and safety.

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Considering I have seen private fireworks displays being set off in the

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middle of an active roadway, I don't think further education will do much. Banning the private sale and use of fireworks is the best path forward for our community.

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The people setting off fireworks never follow the timings. They keep going off all night. I don't know where they are doing it. How can I complain?

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Fireworks are outdated and negative to our community.

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I think fireworks are a great way to bring people together when used appropriately. They bring joy to many people and are a loved Canadian tradition when used safely & appropriately at certain times.

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I find many of my neighbours don't follow bylaws regarding fireworks, letting them off at the wrong time (after 11pm) and on days other than those permitted. I have a dog who is very nervous about fireworks and it's very disruptive to my household.

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The private or household use of fireworks has ruined fireworks in our region. There is no respect or consideration for others (i.e. day, hour and length of time) as to when they are used. A complete ban may be the best way to enforce.

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If being set privately they need to be safe and not on the road or in between houses. Police can be called but by the time they come fireworks would be over.

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Let people buy sparklers and small things that are not disruptive. If enforcement can actually happen for people setting fireworks outside of set hours, I'd be ok but the biggest issues seems people can get away with anything.

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I believe fireworks should be banned completely, I have animals that cannot handle fireworks. I have also had people set off fireworks in the neighborhood and a live firework landed on my roof. If I hadn't seen it and took a hose to it I could have lost my house.

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I'm generally opposed to all fireworks but private and household use of fireworks especially is dangerous, highly misused, and flouts all regulations without any enforcement. Therefore I support a ban as I don't see a reactive approach working.

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Fireworks should only be allowed by city on Canada Day. It should be allowed from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm only on July 1st. Anything outside of this poses danger/ risks. If Canada tries to please 1 religion for 1 thing, they will end up pleasing many religions in future and it will cause only more problems.

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Get rid of fireworks once and for all, or limit them to only public shows! Ideally do public lighted drone shows instead. Fireworks pollute, completely terrify animals and veterans with PTSD, many fireworks are way too loud (just a huge boom and not even pretty!), they get set off ALL night long when the majority of people need to get up to work the next morning, and are chronically being set off outside of the permitted days as well. Or, another alternative is only allow household possession of very small fireworks such as sparklers that make almost no sound and stay at ground level or are like sparkly fountains of light, no firework types that actually shoot up or into things. Then at least it doesn't disrupt others so much, get fired into traffic, or wake people up.

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I would enthusiastically support revised fireworks laws, but there's no hope of fireworks bylaws being enforced if bylaw officers aren't physically present to enforce the rules. Making permits required is a great idea but nobody's going to bother getting one if bylaw officers won't be around to check for permits. We currently have a number of bylaws that aren't enforced because there's no one available to report things to at night. Something else to consider is that relying on residents to report non-compliant neighbours is extremely fraught in a small community like the Village of Wellesley. It doesn't necessarily make sense for enforcement to be the same here as it is in K-W.

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If bylaw enforcement is lacking and cannot handle complaints, even the best laws are pointless.

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There are alternative options for firework displays that keep animals. People with ptsd and the environment safe eg- drone displays for one.

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With drone technology able to produce the same effects as fireworks without the noise, environmental impact and stress on animals, it is a better alternative to the traditional fireworks and allows a show for the various holidays. Cities would need to organize these events rather than having them privately and at households. Unfortunately, with the traditional fireworks people don't adhere to the regulations of days and hours legally permitted and there has been a lot more incidents where people are using them in crowds. As a pet owner, the stress on my pets is extreme not only on the legal days of fireworks but days around them as well. There isn't enough bylaw officers to deal with non-compliance so many people don't even call because by the time they respond, the fireworks have ended.

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The rules won't matter, people do what they want anyone and there are not enough bylaw officers to do anything about it.

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There is no need for fireworks when we can use drives or something like that. Enough of this noise pollution and selfish entitlement

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Fireworks have been very disruptive to my children- they cannot sleep and they are scared. Also our pets are truly scared of the fireworks too. Furthermore our neighborhood had a fireworks show and we spent many days cleaning up the horrible environmental mess . Fireworks should be banned 100%

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ELIMINATE all household fireworks especially in subdivisions please! Our issues with this started when we had our first child in 2021 our new neighbours. Our homes were very close to each other as homes are in newer subdivisions. Our daughters room was at the back of the house and I was concerned that fire works were going to be accidentally directed at our house and end up going through her window or wall. Our HOUSE would SHAKE every time it went off. They went well INTO the NIGHT and we could NOT SLEEP. Which isn't great if you have work the next day and need to perform. I feel for doctors or ambulance drivers or any other professions that need to be able to act accordingly, needing the appropriate sleep to do so. Neighbours felt bad for us as we had a baby and they went to talk to them (we were just watching outside the window and noticed this. We opened it a crack to hear what was being said) which the neighbours letting the fire works off then said they didn't understand and continued to let them off. It is unfortunate as I have never had an issue with fireworks in the past, but I would like a BAN on all household fireworks. They are DISRUPTIVE to a child's sleep and are SCARY NOISES to them. They are UNSAFE and I worry for the

WELLBEING of those setting them off without proper education. We had FIREWORK RESIDUE and plastics all over our BACKYARD the following day. We have a dog so my husband and I went out to clean it the next morning when we noticed it. As our daughter got older, she would play in the backyard as well. We also had a vegetable garden too that pieces were all in it every time. It's sad there hasn't been more thought from those setting off fire works and how it may affect their neighbours or others. When I was younger, I remember communities hosting or parents would gather at a school. I am born in 1990 for reference.

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Fireworks are needed to celebrate important days. Please do not ban them

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People need to respect and follow the rules in place. And those same rules need to be enforced. Why ruin it for people following the rules.

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Fireworks harm people and animals. Yes they can be beautiful but there are other ways to celebrate that don't harm the environment and the animals and people who suffer as a result. My vote is to ban them completely. Thank you

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Bi law needs to lay fines for people not following the bi laws. Too many not following the rules because of their religion

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Changes to bylaws are meaningless if not enforced which you don't have the resources to do unless something changes. My NUMBER 1 concern is the corner stores and grocery stores that sell fireworks to teenagers and people who have no business touching fireworks. Fireworks should only be accessible to professionals NOT the general public and minor children.

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I believe public events/spaces should be created for fireworks so it is relatively safe and it is predictable when they will occur.

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Pretty sure all the salt the region uses is worse for the environment than fireworks. Same goes for the hundreds of dirty diesel buses driving around empty. I'm much more worried about safety walking by the homeless in the downtown and feel less safe in the grand river parking garage than I ever have watching fireworks.

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One of my biggest concerns is how the use of fireworks is leading to divide amongst our community. I saw an alarming amount of racist comments towards Indian people online after Diwali. Fireworks at sanctioned events could be a way to move forward that allows all groups to celebrate. I think individual use is disruptive, inciting rage and not working.

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The issue is the use of fireworks outside of hours permitted. Better enforcement and greater fines to cover the cost of enforcement might be a good place to start.

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I understand that fireworks can be disruptive to some and can be misused. But they are a way to celebrate. A way to bring community together. I think too many rules and causing such strict restrictions is just causing more of a divide in the community. At a certain point there has to be a limitation. At a certain point you have to allow people to live. I understand there are people who have dogs in which they are terrified but in life there is only so many things you can control.

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There is very little respect around any holiday for fireworks and neighbours. Fireworks often going off from 9pm until 2 in the morning. It is extremely disruptive to people and to animals and there isn't enough bylaw to shut down every house. Tired of my animals being terrified, tired of them disrupting everyone's sleep, tired of worrying about damage to the house with neighbours who have no idea about safety. Public displays or nothing please.

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Given that we rely on volunteer fire fighters, an increase use of fireworks, with increasing volatility in weather changes will only put a drain on resources. Households, in my opinion and experience, have not considered the environmental conditions when setting of fireworks (dry high risk of sparking fire) in residential communities. This is of grave concern to me as I do not wish my property damaged as a result of my neighbours lack of consideration for others.

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It's gotten out of hand with many households are setting them off

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I have a dog who is scared of fireworks, so I get it. But holy shit stop taking away harmless fun because a vocal minority of crybabies cant stand loud noises for a couple hours per year! I live in a crescent and the whole neighborhood gets together to shoot off some fireworks

once or twice per summer and it's lovely - builds community and makes everyone happy! The dog gets a little scared for 20 minutes but he's scared of thunder too and it's not like we're gonna ban nature too!

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Presently, we have some neighbours who have used fireworks randomly throughout the year. How enforceable are the present regulations? Anything that traumatizes our natural world, folks with PTSD, and people with sensory challenges is not worth having.

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Stop allowing fireworks on occasions not celebrated by all Canadians.

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Too many people set off fireworks whenever they like. Household use of fireworks should be banned and punished harshly.

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regulations and information are waste of resources and time as people ignore bylaws currently and therefore it is a deliberate act that talking to someone cannot change

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There is a complete disregard for the disruption fireworks cause animals, young children trying to sleep, anyone with sound sensitivities or PTSD. Wildlife is negatively affected. There has been a decreasing adherence to current bylaws (times as well as available days). Private fireworks should be banned and public displays should be allowed to continue with people who know how to safely handle the fireworks as they have for many years. The impact on the environment would be limited as it would be at a controlled location for a designated amount of time. These are known factors for people to be able to expect and protect themselves from if needed. If people want to gather to celebrate their holidays, they can do so at these public displays of celebration.

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The hours and days for firework use is fine. People being able to buy them and set them off with practically zero regulations is where the danger lies. The city should be working towards public displays/events in consultation with wildlife/environmental experts, as well as requiring permits for all private displays, such as for a special event (if a religious/cultural/regional group/association/community wants to host a firework display for Diwali for example). Then they can be regulated such that the city and fire department has a list of where and when fireworks will go off. Anything outside of those are much easier to then find people who are not following the necessary

steps to a safe and non disruptive firework display.

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i dont think education people or vendors will accomplish anything. I think if they are banned - just like other illegal things, people will find a way to get them.

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Fireworks should only be allowed on 3 days. Canada Day, Victoria Day and Diwali.

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With the climate change effects and wildfires raging in Canada, pollution increasing, there is absolutely no need for fireworks. The concept of celebration has to change as the world changes. Many other ways are there for people to get together and enjoy. Same goes for strict regulations/ ban in backyard fires.

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It would be better to have community events so everyone can enjoy the fireworks rather than individuals setting them off at all different times. If there's going to be noise then everyone should get to enjoy the show.

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Fireworks destroy our environment, are used by reckless people all hours of the night and do not add any cultural significance to Canadian life. We have drones now, why are we still polluting and scaring animals to celebrate? Seems very counterintuitive

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Support of the fireworks. The problem is that there are fireworks on random days or hours (example, 3 in the morning on Wednesday where it's not a holiday).

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A ban on private sale and private household use with appropriate enforcement. It is ridiculous that Victoria Park gets shut down because of kids using fireworks as weapons. It is ridiculous that throughout the year I have to wonder "fireworks or gunshot" whenever I hear loud bangs (happens frequently in my central neighbourhood

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I believe fireworks should be banned in residential areas only because it's too hard to control. In the last few years the use of fireworks in residential areas have significantly increased and it's out of control there for should be banned.

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There is a definite bias and limited questions that confuse and bias in this survey. For example, regarding "support adding the following regulations" and "Reduce the number of days fireworks are permitted", I strongly oppose this approach "to reduce" but the answer would imply I agree with not reducing fireworks. BAN them as our ["your" as governing without bias and deciding for all and the long term] priority that supersedes financial (only to fireworks manufacturers - alternatives would be found and prosper) or religious customs (really?) is long term (health for the environment...which means us and our children); in other words 'grow up'. While you're at it, ban remote car starters a good parallel for fireworks: harmful to people and animals via bad impact on the environment, there are laws against idling but they are ignored by drivers and not enforced by police and by-law officers. Enforceable laws needed to protect people, and their community, from themselves.

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The current fireworks regulations are useless and unenforceable.

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There is no (and cannot be) any quantative evaluation of how much and how long, Fireworks should be used as a mode of entertainment or part of any tradition. There is no history or documented records of fireworks being connected to any tradition or festival, whatsoever. The only way, it cannot be controlled is to put a strict ban on its sale and usage in the city area. Fireworks can cause life risks, not only to humans, but to animals and damage to plants too. Any fire hazards can cause life, property, traumatic damages which can be life long. Fireworks cause air, noise, water pollution. Fireworks create unnecessary promotion of gaining entertainment from explosive substances and could generate competition among kids and attraction to weapon usage. Holidays, traditions are suppose to bring happiness and not any risks to the community. Other ways, like fairs, community movie, food fairs bring the community close and keep healthy traditions alive

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People using fireworks at anytime during the year.

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Don't let the actions of large groups in large cities affect us living in small communities. We live here because we don't want or require all the red tape of a big city. And to be honest, we are going to continue to let off our own fireworks safely regardless of any restrictions you may try to implement.

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A complete ban is the only way to deal with this. Noiseless fireworks are an option.

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I am a firefighter in the area and therefore have a more intimate understanding of the dangers of fireworks used by the general public.

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We don't need fireworks to celebrate special days or events. They terrorize animals and scare the hell out of people with PTSD, and what about the cost - it's literally money disappearing into a puff of smoke. The private fireworks shenanigans is way worse. I've heard them going off in Mount Hope cemetery for crying out loud. Really feels like the people who spurn and defy rules are in charge. If some people can break some of the rules, why can't others break the rest of the rules? That's where we are going. It's madness. The city Kitchener is a pale comparison of what it was. We need strong rules AND strong enforcement.

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Banning or severely restricting the use of fireworks, won't matter. They will buy else where. Safe spaces, for folks to attend displays and possibly designated areas for families to set off their personal fireworks. Possibly an increase in displays as well, since some people use it to celebrate other occasions.

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I feel that the enforcement needs to be better.

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Are bylaws actually being adhered to ???? If surveys posted , then listen to the comments !!!! Fire works should be one day only in a public place, away from houses and supervised by professionals. That way no complaints and something for ppl to look forward to...

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It is time to realize how damaging fire works are to the environment. They also cause huge distress for many people, pets and wild life. Drone fireworks are a far better option but must be tightly controlled

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Having lived in the waterloo region for over 10 years, I've witnessed the misuse of fireworks countless times. More recently, fireworks are being put off at all hours for many more days than allowed with questionable safety measures in place. Over the years I've also seen the unsafe use of fireworks in residential areas that were at great risk of causing personal or property damage. The worst of which would

be parents letting their young (4-6 year old) children fire off fireworks from their driveways in a residential area.ive seen this a handful of times, reported it and dont think it's safe for the children or the neighbourhood

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People ignore the regulations and bylaw does not have the manpower to follow up on complaints. Banning the sale of private/personal fireworks would help. I enjoy seeing a display, it's the people who start them days before and after who are the problem.

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Fireworks should never be set off in subdivisions. I have had neighbours set off fireworks that have caused debris and burning portions of fireworks to land in my yard and on my house. I do not like the negative impact to the birds and other wildlife - this conflicts with the Region's stance on sustainability.

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My main issues against fireworks are the noise and environmental impacts: <https://watersheds.ca/fireworks-and-freshwater-ecosystem-health/>

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I was born and raised in KW and still live here. Fireworks were never the issue until all the extra religious holidays. Statutory Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter do not allow Fireworks and rightly so. Why do we allow other religions to? When will it end. Either ban all or allow all. Allowing all would add to chaos.q

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The inconsiderate use of fireworks during one particularly cultural celebration that occurred on Halloween in 2024 is the deciding factor for me to choose to have a full out ban on all fireworks. When you have people in the neighbourhood who don't care that lighting off fireworks in a small residential street is dangerous and frightening for young children trying to enjoy trick or treating and then having them go off throughout the night and early morning. You can't be considerate of others for safety and follow the rules then the pleasure of fireworks has to be removed for all. I would like to know how this will be enforced. People should be able to submit photos and videos with addresses of homes that are breaking the bylaw are then given a ticket the next morning. Fines should begin at \$500 and continue to go up. Tickets not paid within 5 business days are added on to property taxes

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Let citizens continue the use of fireworks. The 3 day limit is too

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controlling. Last time I checked Diwali is not a Canadian holiday. It's just fireworks. Stop creating rules for the complainers. It's a free country.

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I support a complete ban or using noiseless fireworks only at a public event

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the city should explore on reusable light displays instead of any fireworks. Have drone/light displays at selected community parks thru the year!

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Fireworks should never be allowed in residential areas and the allowed use to any age must be completely prohibited. It is dangerous use of fire and explosives in family & residential neighborhoods with children & pets close by

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Having seen and personally experienced injuries and fire from fireworks I am strongly opposed to being sold and used . People are stupid and out of control often around fireworks. It's not so bad in a controlled environment but then there is pollution, to water ways homes bad for your lungs , your hearing and anxiety . Esp for animal babies and those with PTSD .So much unnecessary waste of money ,be it private or community run . The makers of these fireworks today Do not have stringent safety rules in the production of .Nor do they care who they sell too . I am happy with A COMPLETE BAN . Of fireworks in Wilmot Township There seems to be no reprimand for those who break the rules in place .if I have watched fireworks ,I do so from a far distance and usually do not attend unless needed for transportation. I seems to be getting out of control. The fireworks are becoming, bigger louder ,smelly and unsafe . It's disturbing to think what is in these fireworks, today Gunpowder and dyes all pollutants

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Just ban them. IF it is decided that that is not the solution for now, set one day aside for Fireworks and that should be Canada Day which applies to all residents living this Canada. Make a few public places to set them off by the City so people aren't jammed into one space, set a specific time and let them off at the same time in each area. We don't need fireworks for weddings, for religious holidays, for Victoria Day. The price is too high, fireworks are way more sophisticated and dangerous than 50 years ago. As we learn what is appropriate and

not appropriate, let's show leadership and make decisions that are smart.

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Keep the fireworks

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Fireworks are not needed, they are loud, messy and not needed.

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Fireworks are out of control.. letting off in streets damage to cars and homes. Nit enough bilaw to stop this. Banning all fireworks is best sale of them and use. No value and can celebrate many other ways.

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Fireworks on Memorial Day and Canada Day are nice when the display is public and are in a safe, controlled environment away from personally owned property such as cars and homes. The increased use by some cultures to celebrate any and all occasions with fireworks has completely taken the enjoyment out of them. Fireworks should be public displays that celebrate Federal, Provincial or Municipal holidays and are welcome when regulations are adhered to.

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Please ban them altogether! People have abused the privilege and can no longer be trusted. Also it's awful for the poor animals who are terrified of them Humans need to be more considerate.

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There should be HEAVY PENALTIES for people setting off fireworks on the streets.

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I think they should be banned from residential homes, period. SO many people in our neighbourhood do them literally weekly, it's disgusting. They do them directly under trees and at all hours of the morning.

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I have pets. They become IMMENSELY distressed with the noise even with the house fully closed. It's a real pain for their ears. Fireworks also cause problems for sick people, newborns and more. I understand the festivity but it's 2025 and we can do better.

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Community fireworks or permit only. There are too many people being careless and unsafe. They either use them right in the neighbourhood

or use in public parks and schools leaving the mess behind. Unsafe and inconsiderate

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No fireworks

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Fireworks should be banned completely. They are a nuisance to the community and many communities have made a complete ban of fireworks. There are many other ways to celebrate holidays without the use of fireworks.

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The fact we create more rules is great but lots of people ignore it. We live in a paper house type of style, people in my community are displaying fireworks all the time. Please, make cops aware of this and arrest or give tickets to those guys displaying those fireworks. IT IS NOT SAFE! They need to understand and OBEY the laws of the country they chose to immigrate to.

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No fireworks please.

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People are already not respectful about the fireworks days/hours and rules, I don't see how just creating more rules (but still allowing access to fireworks) would fix the issue.

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Please do not allow fireworks!!! So sick of the mess and noise!
People can celebrate in other ways.

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PERSONAL FIREWORKS DISRUPT ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOODS,
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Drone shows are the way of the future! Fireworks are dangerous, bad for the environment, and a horrible nuisance to pets/people suffering from PTSD.

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I don't think they should be banned but i do agree with more safety and restrictions on when to light them off or when you can buy them. Its important for kids to experience the same wonderment I did. But lighting them off at all hours of the night on days when they shouldn't are a nuisance and has limited my walks with my older dog and

shown him the worst fear when I wasn't able to prepare him.

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only one time in a year

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Private fireworks were out of control in 2024

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Fireworks have become completely out of control and days of excessive fireworks all night long has become ridiculous. Hitting houses, vehicles etc in neighbourhoods. I really wish fireworks can be banned from sale to anybody and only be for professional use in an organized event that is in a location no where near residential houses. Since Diwali fireworks have been allowed it has really become out of control, not just from Diwali celebrations but people using it as an excuse to light fireworks irresponsibly day and night that don't even celebrate Diwali normally.

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It's unbelievable that this requires so much prolonged study -- fireworks have become a huge problem, mostly because people are inconsiderate idiots, so for crap sakes, just ban 'em outright. Sure, enforcement of a total ban would be difficult, but that's never stopped any level of government from banning things, before.

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Stop the firework nonsense. Save bylaw and police needless hassles regulating citizens who willingly do not follow regulations and ban private fireworks.

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Education and safety is key. Banning altogether is undemocratic

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If stricter rules are to be implemented, we also need to make sure they are actually being enforced by having increased bylaw presence on holidays/evenings

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Only permitting city/township run fireworks and banning private fireworks.

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Ban all fucking indian fireworks. Those people are annoying as shit.

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More enforcement is also required. I understand that this is incredibly challenging, but people will continue to do household firework shows unless strong enforcement is in place.

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I don't think this would be an issue if the current bylaws were enforced.

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There should be no exceptions for certain ethnicities/religions like diwali to have fireworks without permit. If you want to be fair, you require permits for all private fireworks, rather than making special privileges/rights to certain ethnicities/religions... as this likely leads to increased ethnic tensions, due to unfair regulations.

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Would like to see bylaw officers patrolling neighbourhoods on weekends with holidays and after 11pm. Often fireworks are going off at 1 am and on days they aren't permitted

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Neighbours set off fireworks to celebrate Diwali. However, they were done in an unsafe manner in the Court outside our home with fireworks hitting our home.

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We have had private (neighbours) set off fireworks on driveways with debris being spread across the neighbourhood. Young children are close by often a few feet from the fireworks and we have concerns for their safety. There are a few neighbours that continue to set off fireworks past midnight with little regard to other neighbours. We have taken video footage of the abovementioned items.

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Cancel Dawali fireworks permit

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Fireworks should be allowed, but the hours should be regulated. We need to be carefull of implmenting too many regulations for our tax paying public. Tax payers have rights that are often overlooked by government trying to support a small section of the public.

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We once had a neighbourhood fireworks gathering (Beechwood West 1) which had to be discontinued due to irresponsible use of individually purchased fireworks by a few attendees. The gathering was nice but not worth the risk to people's safety.

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Fireworks SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN ANY RESIDENTAL AREAS --- HIGHRISE AREAS -- CORE AREA -- PUBLIC PARKS -- RECREATION AREAS -- SCHOOLS -- OTHERWISE BAN ALTOGETHER !!

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Subdivisions are not the place for fireworks. Amidst the homes, decks, fences, etc., it is almost impossible to set off fireworks safely. I both enjoy and encourage public fireworks displays, but personal use in high density areas is a pretty terrible idea.

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Between environmental challenges, trauma triggers for people and pets the value proposition is just not adequate to continue fireworks. Find other ways of celebrating.

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I feel that drones should be used for public events requiring a 'firework display' and otherwise, fireworks (public and private) should be completely banned in Waterloo. The 'celebratory' benefits of fireworks do not outweigh the negative impact on the environment, wildlife, pets and individuals - especially when there seems to have been an increase in violence using private fireworks on our streets and in our neighbourhoods. The disruptive noise and pollution can be mitigated with drones. And most, if not all, public celebrations can certainly proceed with drones or with other forms of entertainment such as musical performances, concerts, festivals, fairs, etc. While a tradition for some, fireworks have outstayed their welcome in today's environment. I hope we are ready to look for other alternatives to fireworks. Thank you for looking into this on behalf of our community.

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The risks and consequences of fireworks far outweigh the benefits (the only one being that people enjoy them). We had someone throw fireworks at us from a moving vehicle. They are dangerous and far too easy to abuse.

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Multiple of my neighbors (who moved in recently around 2 - 3 years) who set off fireworks days after they're permitted for use and have even blown holes in the side of their house. I think we should only have fireworks for Canada day (no Victoria day or Diwali) as I've seen way to much harmful behavior lately. And I'll just be honest it's worse specifically around Diwali.

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Eliminate pop up fire works trailers in shopping malls, corner stores all

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retail who sell fireworks.

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The questions around banning fireworks make it sound as if this is some kind of a veiled attempt at imposing one on the residents without actually stating so! LOL

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I don't think education is the answer. People use fireworks irresponsibility as well as when intoxicated endangering others. I think private use should be banned. Encourage people to come together for public displays that are put on by safety conscious professionals (e.g. fire department). That would be true Community building/education. Fireworks should not be set off in residential areas endangering life and property. Your celebration should not endanger my family or enjoyment of my property.

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Houston, Texas, the 4th largest city in the U.S., has had a complete ban on the sale, use or possession of private fireworks in the city for many decades. Only organized shows are permitted, run by professionals, supervised by fire fighters.

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Fireworks should not be set off at all. They are incredibly damaging to the environment, wildlife, put animals in grave danger, and are completely disrespectful towards folks with ptsd and other mental health struggles. Fireworks need to be banned!

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I understand that some people are adversely affected by fireworks, but a far greater number people are not. I believe fireworks displays are important community events that bring communities together. Appropriate accommodations have been made to limit days of sale and hours of display, and I do not agree with further limitations or outright bans. A respectful balance needs to be maintained that does not put the wishes of the few above those of the many.

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It is clear that this situation is getting out of hand and by-law enforcement/police are unable to keep up with the demands, so something else must be done. The celebrations, particularly during Diwali, on neighbourhood streets are becoming increasingly dangerous and it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

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I strongly believe that fireworks should only be permitted if it's being run by the city at parks (i.e. Victoria Park, Riverside etc.) for Canada

Day, Victoria Day and Diwali. There are too many disadvantages that come with allowing private households to use them and because people don't do a good job at following the rules, the most effective strategy is to ban them all together. A consistent and clear rule that keeps people and animals safe sounds like the most reasonable solution. If we know that it serves as a reason for PTSD for the many people who have immigrated to our region from war torn nations, the question is, why shouldn't we ban it? If we know it brings distress and harm to animal life, why shouldn't we ban it? If we know people are not using it safely and it's putting other people and homes at risk, why shouldn't we ban it? It seems like a pretty logical solution.

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Too many stupid people in the community have made this a bad thing. Fireworks should be banned in Kitchener

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I think they are disruptive to the quiet of our community and upsetting to animals and wildlife. . Money spent on fireworks would be better spent on other things. A complete ban would be acceptable.

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The problem as I see it is that people are letting off fireworks randomly throughout the summer at all hours. There should be limitarions on dates and tome.of.day

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It is a public disturbance. It isn't a contained event. It impacts people who don't wish to participate. I had one fly into my back yard once. My mom had them almost land on her porch. People do weponize them. It is a fire hazard.

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As a person that has been a victim of a neighbour (under the influence) improperly handling fireworks and almost being attacked by said person for confronting the neighbour, I think all private use either requires special permits or be banned. I hear of so many stories within my community of similar instances and feel more law enforcement is required.

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Private fireworks displays are a selfish and thoughtless nuisance that cause unnecessary pain, suffering, and anxiety to both humans and animals. For people with PTSD, sensory sensitivities, or anxiety disorders, the sudden, deafening explosions can be deeply distressing. Pets often panic, running away or injuring themselves in their desperation to escape the noise. Wildlife, including birds and small mammals, are terrified by the blasts, sometimes abandoning

nests or even dying from the shock. Fireworks also disrupt sleep, traumatize livestock, pollute the environment, and pose serious fire hazards. All for a fleeting moment of entertainment that disregards the well-being of everyone else.

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Fireworks are a celebration. People can't set off fireworks in a park? Stupid. The more restrictions the more people with abuse fireworks. Its people who abuse the the fireworks make it bad for us who are safe.

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The city etc. cannot police the number of complaints in a timely manner to enforce the current laws. Therefore a complete ban of all firework sales for private use should be implemented along with large fines for any individuals setting off their own. Indeed these can be dangerous and potentially life altering weapons when in the wrong hands.

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Private firework events in my neighbourhood are out of control, way too many. And Bylaw are a joke, nobody even care to phone them anymore.....they are a useless resource!

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We have a school yard right behind our house, the amount of fireworks that get set off back there is awful. It does not matter how many times bylaw is called (our neighbors call as well) bylaw does not get there in time to do anything. We have had debris in our backyard from people doing them so close to our houses. HUGE fire hazard, disrespectful, disruptive and it will NEVER matter what time frame is allowed 1 or 2 days, 3 hrs or 4hrs etc..... AS SHOWN year after year after year, people do not care and they will let them off whenever they feel like it. A total BAN is the only way to stop them from happening. Phone calls increase year after year , concerns raise higher every year with the injuries, and people now use them as weapons etc. No reason in this day and age to be continuing on with this. Far to much risk allowing the public to use them (usually with NO training or knowledge). Majority of people are against allowing them and want them stopped.

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Putting a ban in place is the only way to stop this air and noise pollution. Trying to limit days or hours will not work, people do not abide by the rules in place now. They do fireworks whenever they want to. We have called bylaw multiple times in our neighbourhood but nothing ever transpires. If you limit it to 1 day, people will still do them the days before and days after (whatever suits their own needs

or schedule) Educating will not matter, how will you enforce the education training for it? How will you enforce permits? Bylaw can't even keep up with all the phone calls the city gets for noise complaints with the fireworks. Bring an end to all this noise pollution and air pollution, ban these fireworks for everyone's safety and well being. As well to help the environment, and stop the trauma it causes to so many animals.

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If fireworks must stay, Hosting at a sanctioned event like Scott's Park or the Fairgrounds is a reasonable option. The event has a set timeline, it is safe and noise is capped appropriately.

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We have good rules already in place in Kitchener but they don't enforce them. It doesn't matter what we put in place if they are not enforced!!

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I had to call the police as neighbours were setting fireworks off improperly (example out of their mouths and children under 5 setting off) from their driveway with sparks hitting my house and close to gas line. I miss public fireworks where professionals set them off within safe distance. It is bad for the environment (drone shows are better) and the poor animals especially people who have pets (myself included) undergo stress

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It very hard on the animals and I feel you need to take everything into consideration

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Our community needs to be more tolerant so we can foster connections through fun activities, play and curiosity back into our children and neighbourhoods. Wonder, imagination and spectacle of events like fireworks, sports, concerts and tolerance of the many customs here. Banning fireworks, kids playing basketball and hockey on quiet streets, neighbourhood street parties are all ways we can build happy and safe communities.

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Leave traditions alone. There's enough stress in the world already.

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The problem is a select few people. Diwali is a problem. The fireworks are lit all hours of the night and they never clean up after themselves. You can find the garbage everywhere the following day. I believe this problem is of south Asian descent.

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You have already tried to limit the number of days and times. People do not follow the rules.

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ban fireworks. they are dangerous and harmful.

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I don't support bans in general, but fireworks use is out of control in my community and hopefully an outright ban will help.

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Perhaps letting private households the ability to "rent" a field owned by the township or city, to be monitored by fire personel while setting off. I strongly support banning personal firework displays and setting them off after a certain time -mainly for children who sleep earlier and are frightened by the noise during sleep.

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Despite regulations reducing the number of days fireworks can be used, it is not enforced. Last Diwali fireworks were set off for FIVE NIGHTS. The lack of respect and adherence to the rules do not apply if the people doing it do not agree.

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Without widespread, strict enforcement, new bans and bylaws mean nothing. We know when & where fireworks are being set off illegally; get ahead of it by flooding the areas with officers and hand out massive fines. No warnings, no forgiveness, no 2nd chances. Otherwise it's just as useless as all nonsense on St. Patrick's Day on Ezra. Appeals don't work. Pleading doesn't work. Enforcement works.

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People don't follow the current bylaws. People use fireworks whenever they want. People on our street set them off in the middle of the road, which is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. Fireworks are set off extremely late at night, it is always well after 11pm and wakes me up. In my neighbourhood there is extensive firework use and there is no way bylaw can respond to all the infractions. People are not following the rules, so private fireworks should be banned.

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Nobody ever benefits from "knee jerk" regulations. Yes, some bad people did a bad thing - once. We should work to make bad people better.

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I understand the role fireworks play in cultural celebrations, however I feel like there are flagrant violations of rules happening during those times. I have witnessed people walking down major streets uptown lighting of fireworks. People have come in to my neighbourhood who don't live there and disrupted our community with fireworks. My dog is very distraught when they are being lite off and I almost lost him while on a walk because of them.

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No amount of regulation will solve an enforcement problem

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People don't follow the rules. The City is not diligent enough to enforce the rules. Banning it altogether is a more effective solution.

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The rules aren't being followed so more restriction other than a ban on sales and setting them off wont make a lot of difference. People set them off whenever they want knowing by the time by law comes its too late or by law wont be able to find them. Times have changed. Time to find a different way to celebrate events that are community friendly. Fireworks being set off by "just anyone" anywhere is crazy.

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Ban the sale and use 100%

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If you give special exemptions for diwali, then you have to give the same exemptions to other religious/ethnic celebrations that commonly have fireworks. By creating special rules of no fireworks permit required for diwali, you contribute to creating ethnic tensions with unfair regulations.

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I have literally heard my dog's teeth chatter during fireworks. Neighbours setting fireworks off at midnight, 2am. Fireworks have no use in the community, so ban them. Surely safer, quieter options for community celebrations can be utilized.

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Fireworks were once used safely but on private property, school yards etc that no longer seems to be the way. Please stick to the professionals using them. If used for a religious holiday those using them need adequate safety training, permits etc to keep all involved safe. One can still enjoy fireworks, the magic of them..... Lets be safe everyone. There is a huge need to be safe around both people and animals, City of Kitchener council needs to reook at this matter

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People are using them to attack cars, walk around at 4am waking people up. They have no place in society

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Just ban them .. the public(of ALL) ages have proven over and over now that they can't be responsible. It's got me out of hand and now with social media , it's even dangerous. Let's join the municipalities and ban them .. If Brampton can .. so can We !!! Just go back to city sponsored event .. controlled and respectful...

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Fireworks should be banned. We know better know and there are alternatives.

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Canada Day and Victoria Day i will enjoy the public events (if i desire to go with my family) with fireworks, other days should be ban, my prior years has been frustrated, specially when we have to wakeup early to work next day.

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I believe there should be public fireworks only or a permit required only

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While I would support a complete ban on fireworks, I think the current rules might be fair if people actually followed them. In the absence of that, easier reporting and more bylaw enforcement might be enough but I'm unsure if that's possible. What I do know is that the way it unfolds right now is not acceptable.

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I'm all for banning the sale and use of fireworks for all occasions, unless its a city planned event. During Diwali, NO ONE CARES. They've set up firewords under the hydro towers, blasted them towards my house without a care and I find garbage all over the streets and on my property. I've also had to stomp out the embers when they land in my front and backyard. When a house catches fire, who do we blame? The people who don't care and call us racists because we say something about them setting them off unsafely or at 3am or do we blame the city for allowing it and not enforcing the rules. There is absolutely no benefit to fireworks - BAN THEM ALL!

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I live in Doon where the Indiand population is heavy, during Diwali we

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hear fireworks constantly for a week despite the bylaws and rarely ever see anything done about it. It is distressing to wild life, and people with chronic mental health conditions. I am Autistic and it interferes with my own quality of life - The people in my neighborhood do not light the fireworks off safely or responsibly. They leave massive amounts of litter in all of our surrounding natural areas. It truly is a shame and I would be thrilled if there was a complete ban on firework sales and private firework displays. More available bylaw officers around the firework holidays would also be great, so the bylaws could actually be enforced. Thank you for taking the time to gather community feedback on this issue. I imagine many of us feel the same way. Thank you.

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It's terribly distressing for wildlife and pets. People do not abide by the allowed days for using fireworks, they use them whenever they want.

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I think it is the duty of government leaders, at municipal and provincial levels, to set limits on noise levels permitted for fireworks and ban the sale of any fireworks that exceed those safety levels. I also support limiting fireworks to community events run by professionals who abide by all safety regulations.

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My home backs onto Lakeside Park - a park which for many years has been deemed to be a perfect spot to ignore all rules and regulations and set off fireworks. The results have been very predictable - burned out remains, garbage, excessive noise throughout the night, sparks landing in the trees and dangerously close to homes, belligerent comments from offenders when reminded of city bylaws etc. etc. Even though I (and many neighbours) have called bylaw, the answer has always been that "by the time someone gets over there it will all be over". Never has there been the proactive presence of a bylaw officer on the nights when there is a 100% guarantee there will be multiple offenders in the park. I would be very happy to see a resumption of city or regional fireworks displays such as those I used to watch yearly at The Aud . Those displays are impressive, away from homes and set off by trained handlers. The time frame is set and adhered to so those with pets or sensitivities are prepared. I would be totally supportive of a complete ban on purchase and use of personal fireworks.

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The average person does not understand how dangerous fireworks are, neighborhood fireworks are an extreme risk we allow for very little benefit

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I don't think the people will follow the law. There should be complete ban on the sale of fireworks and strict action should be taken against those who are not following the law.

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People used to just set off a few fireworks for Canada Day or Victoria Day. Other holidays have come into the picture and people set them off for hours and they do it in the street. This is unsafe! I've witnessed people with their kids right next to where they're setting them off. It's nuts!

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I feel fireworks displays when put on by the community are done safely and are predictable, meaning that residents who wish to take measures to avoid or limit the noise disruption can do so. It has been my experience that residents do not generally follow existing by-laws and therefore private fireworks are, in general, less safe and not predictable. People often do not use common sense in discharging fireworks and/or are not concerned with disrupting their neighbours.

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There is no good firework. Where are the drone shows? Why does it have to be a big bang? People are amused by the most ridiculous things. I hate what fireworks do to the environment, the wildlife and pets alike, humans with PTSD or sensory issues. They're way overdue for a ban.

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Caues much anxiety for people and animals. Disruption to children and people with psd completely ban ALL SALES of fireworks, increase fines so people will respect days and times. Just stop allowing 'celebrations" for ANY ,reason. Please ban.

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Sadly fireworks are dangerous in this city. Recent events tell us that more regulation or a total ban are warranted :(

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Rules are all good and fine, but in the 13 years of living here, not once have I seen any form of enforcement. When I was younger I remember police walking around observing, being part of and being a deterrent for misuse.

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My rescue dogs are upset for days and refuse to go outside. Fireworks keep us up late every time calming them, resulting in poor sleep and distress to the dogs. There are other options now for lights displays.

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I had no problem with fireworks but in the past few years they have been set off though out the night until the early hours of the morning.

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I think fireworks need to have fewer days/ hours per event but also actually enforcing the rules would be a start

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You can not cure stupid. Common sense should dictate how to use these things safely. We have been lighting them off for probably 60 years. We all took care and never once was anyone hurt. Perhaps, common sense should be forced on everyone but no wait. We tried that in education, it was ruled out as cruel.

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Fireworks have detrimental effect on the environment and animals. Please ban them. As long as they are permitted, most people would think that they are permitted at any time they want.

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Thank you for considering our thoughts and opinions on this matter.

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I think the current rules are reasonable, just a lack of adherence and enforcement

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We have so few traditions that haven't been taken away from our childhoods and how we raised our children to celebrate. Perhaps the answer lays in how crowds are allowed to disburse from large functions with falling debris a danger maybe more guided /roped off areas to protect the more greatly concerned about these rare occurrences. As for those with children perhaps expose them to more beauty such as a firework display / sunset /sunrise .

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Fireworks are consistently set off privately outside of regulated days, and bylaw is slow it lax to enforce. Make an effort to proactively patrol and be visible where public, unsanctioned and unsafe fireworks are set off

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I love fireworks, but I do not like when they are in neighbors' yards or on the streets. Keep it to the professionals.

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I live on a farm . Fireworks are hazardous to our livestock. Their use should be strictly prohibited in a farming community like Wilmot. I can deal with a public display on holidays for people that like that. Not random explosions in all directions for entire long weekends.

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Its the teenagers who buy fireworks and set them off without real care for safety, noise, or how it affects others and animals. How would this stop them from buying them and disobeying bylaws/rules?

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The ONLY way to properly deal with ALL the issues regarding fireworks is to do a COMPLETE BAN. Waterloo Region ONLY takes notice now because a councillor was involved. I DO NOT feel safe going out with people setting off fireworks as they see fit. There is NO Regulation or control even if it's "supposed" to be followed. It's NOT even safe to go to City Run events. People bring their own and have no regard for other's safety. It's disgusting that Waterloo is ONLY just "considering" all the issues. How can Region of Waterloo keep me & my pets safe regarding fireworks? They can't. Unless there is a complete Ban! The reality of people following "rules" is a joke. They don't. So tired of hearing fireworks going off until 2-3am!! What will it take for there to be a complete ban? Maybe Waterloo Region should actually listen to its residents for a change.

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If fireworks in private households are banned, I highly recommend more events throughout the year public events with fireworks.

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I don't think fireworks should be available for wide/private use and at best should be restricted to city-run events only, with respectable hours. Any event that people like to use fireworks for can be substituted with light/drone displays. Personally I feel the effects of misuse of private fireworks by having a terrified dog who shivers uncontrollably the whole night after the sound of fireworks. He is often too scared to walk when it's dark outside at night because it has happened so often that fireworks randomly started going off while we walk at night. This is just a dog and I can only extrapolate the effects on people with PTSD reactions to the sounds. Not to mention increased risk to safety the next day when people haven't gotten enough rest (driving safely / more tired). KW keeps having issues where someone has misused fireworks and shot them directly at people/ children / private property. This is too far, there shouldn't be such unrestricted access to such a dangerous thing.

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The noise and stress that fireworks cause to both some people and

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animals is the main reason that I would like to see fireworks banned, as well as the harm to the environment that they cause. I think that drones can replace fireworks for special occasions and holidays.

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Fireworks, unless set off in a public, professional environment, should be banned! Period. These are more dangerous than pesticides which have been banned for years. Not sure why this is even being discussed.

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Fireworks are a tradition which makes celebrations complete. Not in excess but limited days and hours to set off fireworks are okay. necessary knowledge and awareness is important for both vendors as well as households. Not everyone can go for public displays so setting off at home is the only option which I would love to continue staying within the regulations.

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I love fireworks. I lived setting them off. I really really loved watching them, the magic only wore off around the time of the pandemic when everybody went crazy and every single firework holidays turned into 4 to 6 weeks of aerial bombardment and running firefights making it sound like fallujah. I dont think reducing the number of days will help. More should be added. Penalties for offences should be increased. More enforcement would be good aswell. More education. I hate that it looks like the only real solution is going to be more regulation and restriction and eventually banning. But it is what it is. People have no self control. Thanks for trying atleast with this survey. But unless theres an IQ test and signed contracts with govt issue ID required to create proper documented accountability and liability(which is just crazy and not worth the hassle or cost honestly) then its probably the end of an era for freedom of expression and celebration or patriotism or religion. This is why we cant have nice things

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I 100% support the complete ban on all fireworks at all times, no exceptions. I would support the use of drones for light shows.

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I'm tired of hearing people say "I didn't know" that is a lame excuse for any person to say. If you set off fireworks it is your responsibility to know the rules of where you live. Just like fireplaces. And that is for everyone, not just foreigners that move here. The ones who lived here their whole lives

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Fireworks do not happen often and they cost too much for the display

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to be long. It bothers me more to see people smoking marijuana walking down the streets and in vehicles then fireworks ever would. I could live without fireworks, personally, but I have seen them bring much joy. They aren't louder than a bad thunderstorm so I think that people should take the same precaution, and know it will be short lived.

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Selling fireworks to the public will just lead to problems of all kinds. The general public has no real idea how dangerous they are. Having only government run fireworks shows in several locations will allow people to still enjoy them safely. They don't need to hold them in there hands to be enjoyed.

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We have many cultures in Kitchener-Waterloo that celebrate with fireworks and we can not oppose their traditions to benefit only Canada Day and Victoria Day which are totally Canadian holidays. We do though need to educate our vendors, make age restriction on the purchase of them and educate those who decide as a family or community the safety of fireworks and the awareness of people and animals that will experience the effects of fireworks. EDUCATE people so they can make an informed decision.

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My main concern over the current regulations have to do with the inequality overcultural or religious use. Why is Diwali allowed but not Chinese New Year for example? Either allow all cultural and religious celebrations or limit to those nationally recognized Canadian holidays. Also, the length of time they are permitted is too long for celebrations where sunset in earlier in the evening. The cutoff time should be set so that fireworks should be done 2 hours (example) after sunset. Those celebrating Diwali get a longer period of time for fireworks than say Canada Day. I don't mind neighborhood fireworks, but when it is incessant and lasts a number of hours it becomes a problem and disturbance to the community. It would also be nice to be able to go back to celebrating the day before. For holidays, people don't get the day after the holiday off work so it discourages those from participating when when have kids to get to school the next day or get up early to go to work. Allowing permits to set off fireworks in sager zones might also allow for smaller community celebrations. I have zero desire to attend public displays due to problems with crowds and parking so we don't attend those.

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You have bylaws in place and restrictions BUT THEY ARE NOT ENFORCED. At best they are enforced on complaint only basis. I live near a conservation area. Fireworks are lit on a regular basis -

especially Diwali. Two fires that I know of have been started in the forested area because of fireworks. Response from one call was it would be too difficult to locate the source of the fireworks.

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People need to be courteous and respectful to their neighbors.

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There is NO need to use fireworks to celebrate any type of holiday or event. It is quite clear that many people nowadays are unwilling to follow rules and feel they can use fireworks any day they want or any time of the night that they want. If this group of people are willing to ruin it for everyone then so be it. That is why rules are required anyway. Just ban them already and be done with it. There is no need to celebrate using fireworks.

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There needs to be enforcement. Changing the number of days or hour won't help because people already set off fireworks on days and times they aren't permitted. People also set them off in public areas like parks or in the middle of streets where it's a danger to the public.

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I would not like fireworks at all due to anxiety and lack of sleep too close to the units my dogs are terrified shaking have to be on put on medication before the fireworks start and people don't know enough to stop the fireworks please just stop we don't need it

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People love their traditions, but this one distresses wildlife, makes house pets scared, wakes people up, possible fire hazards. My family thinks it's time to move past the firework practice. Find ways of celebrating all the wonderful happy times without bothering others.

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Fireworks are antiquated..surely as a society we have grown beyond a tradition that causes harm 'just because we've always done it' Let's grow up and find other ways to bring people together to enjoy something .. drones for example

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Highly support a ban on purchasing and setting off public or private fireworks !

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The use of fireworks on private property is very dangerous and unnecessary. The Waterloo bylaw should absolutely state how far fireworks must be set off from structures such as neighbours' houses

and vehicles. Being that our yard is only 29 feet wide, it is unsafe for our next door neighbours to light large, aerial fireworks in such a close proximity, but they think it is acceptable because it is their private property. This is very dangerous and leads to unnecessary resentment between neighbours.

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The use of fireworks was never a problem a few years ago, but since then people using fireworks have been irresponsible for doing so and it's making the use of fireworks harder for everyone else that enjoys them. In my opinion, those responsible for misusing fireworks and/or breaking the law should be punished with jail sentences and not minor charges, as fireworks can be deadly if they are misused and irresponsibly people continue to get away with such acts and preventing the responsible people from enjoying freedom and traditions.

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Fireworks were ok 2-3x a year under traditional Cdn holidays. But now with the population being so diverse there are simply too many days and at times multiple days where people are privately setting them off. We live in a neighbourhood that has lots of townhomes and links. It is a huge fear over fire and property damage and the ongoing disturbances. Especially super late at night as these families are celebrating on the internet or social media with their families abroad so fireworks going off at 2-3 am is not acceptable. As a person who has to start their day at 5 am and the growing number of days this is happening it has been very disruptive.

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I support a total ban on fireworks. The city can provide alternate celebrations like live music and children's activities.

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The current policy goes too far. Allow people to apply for fireworks, rather than limiting them.

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It doesn't matter how much you educate people on fireworks. They always last longer than allowed. Waterloo is the only town with the day before, during & after the holiday. North Waterloo Diwali lasted for 7 Full days. No point calling by law since they are done when by law arrives. I would not call police for fireworks unless it was an emergency situation. People do what they want. Period.

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Limiting will do little because people just ignore especially when bylaw can't get to people breaking the law. A complete ban of sales

and use is the only solution!

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I think they should be banned. I think the sale of them should be banned. It was chaos the last 2 years of Diwali. I have NEVER experienced how crazy the fireworks were in my community. They were set off until 2am, in the middle of the street with cars going by, in backyards after 11pm. And not just one day but for days in a row!! And it was pointless calling bylaw, there was no answer, and the response would have not been timely. How can you manage hundreds of calls to bylaw. So a complete BAN is what is needed.

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I hate them with a passion People let them off sometimes till 3am. It doesn't matter if there's work or school the next day either. I go out looking to find the household setting them off all hours. I will get into a physical altercation if I find out where they're coming from. I'm seriously considering moving to a city with a complete ban. We have new Canadians in this building and when I hear their small children scream and cry it makes me want to get violent with the inconsiderate scum setting them off. No regards for others. You want fireworks? Get the damned silent ones!!!!!! Pets , environment, ptsd, consideration to others. There so many reasons to despise them!!! Wildlife... They traumatize for what? Some bangs and colours in the sky. I'm angry just thinking about them

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I'm all for fireworks for all but people need to respect the rules and regulations for each city. Plus we need to have strong consequences for the ones that do not comply.

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Overall I feel fireworks are a way to celebrate many occasions. If fireworks are used following all of the bylaws, then I have no problem with them. However, over the last few years with a massive increase in the specific celebration of Diwali, I have seen an unbelievable sheer lack of regard for safe handling of fireworks. It's scary at times, and therefore has taken the enjoyment out of fireworks.

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Complete Ban is the only way to show people that ignoring the current "regulations" has consequences. Current hours : Dusk til 11 pm. Current actual hours: 5-6pm til 2-3 am. Every holiday!! No exceptions. People going against regulations KNOW that there isn't anything that can be done. They are laughing at the Region of Waterloo. PTSD, pets, migraines, wildlife, anxiety, small children crying, environmental issues. Just to name a few things Waterloo no longer care about.

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Fireworks have become a serious nuisance and safety hazard in our neighborhood. Some celebrations are setting them off in the streets right next to people's homes at all hours, disturbing entire households and showing no respect for those living nearby. This needs to stop. Enough is enough.

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When fireworks are done correctly and safely at an event hosted by the city or university's I have no issues with them being used. I have no issues with people doing fireworks at their home, but they have to have taken a how to maybe on the city of Kitchener website. I do oppose minors having access to fireworks or them being let off in public by individuals whom are creating a nuisance. If it is for South Asian festivities, they need to do it at a home only not willy nilly at the park or in the street.

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As a family with young children and a dog. Fireworks have never been an issue. I feel we should be able to set them off during winter months since it gets dark early and younger children can enjoy them. Also less chance of fires because of colder wetter weather. I don't think we should be making accomodation for dogs.

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The use of fireworks in my neighbourhood seems to bring out frustration and anger as opposed to togetherness. There is a lot of unsafe and irresponsible use of fireworks and a total disregard and respect for others in the neighbourhood.

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I feel that people are abusing the privilege of having fireworks, using them very unsafely and recklessly, and being very inconsiderate of their neighbours. I don't think that fireworks have any business being used in neighbourhoods where none of the restrictions such as weather, time of day, number of days, etc... that are in place for public displays put on by the region are in place. Environmental concerns are also very important to me.

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Why are only certain ethnic holidays allow fireworks while others do not? They are loud and disturb our peace during their celebrations and do not care about others who are not celebrating. There should be a ban for all private fireworks and they should not be allowed as they often set off fireworks late into the night without consideration of neighbours and bylaw.

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Unfortunately, despite the fact you're not supposed to light fireworks in your home, I have witnessed people doing it in their driveways in the backyard that is 2 x 2 and in the parks across the street. I have on numerous occasions gone over to Carlyle Park, for example and picked up leftover fireworks that were left on school property and surrounding park area. It is very frustrating.

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Bring back the small community fireworks. I remember walking to Meadowlane school and watching the displays on the long weekends. Their is no way, I am driving a distance to worry about parking and long line ups to leave when it is done. I would rather set them off myself in an open area in my community. If you want the control of the fireworks, bring it back to our communities, a set day and place will help that. We are just trying to make memories for our kids.

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In 2024 a neighbour was shooting fireworks in their backyard surrounded by houses, hitting the house behind them and sparks scattering over their deck and bbqs. Our houses are too close together to even allow backyard camp fires. We are lucky they didn't start a fire. Almost called 911 and summoned a fire truck, fortunately nothing happened. I love fireworks, but people have shown they are too irresponsible to have them. I fully support a ban of both sale and use within city limits, with severe punishment.

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If there was any way to encourage sale of decreased noise or noiseless fireworks, this would be preferred.

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Why is only one specific religious day permitted? Either all religious days should be allowed, or none at all.

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Please get rid of them. They're horrible for our environment and unless we want to end up like other overpopulated countries we need to control human pollution to preserve and protect nature and wildlife

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Please stop making new regulations, fireworks have been around years, yes people complain and yes most people enjoy the show. Somehow other municipality have zero issues with it and every weekend in the summer fireworks can be seen and heard and allow sales from businesses throughout the summer. Most people are against bike lanes but you don't ban them or put in ridiculous regulations regarding them. But fireworks you want to for the minority? This has to stop, the taxes both the city and region are

making it hard to afford to live here because of this unneeded and unwarranted over reach that always happen. Please stop. I'm tired of the minority always being heard instead of the common sense of the majority do better or step aside

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I grew up seeing fireworks. With what we know now about their environmental impact, their impact on especially animals and wildlife, and those sensitive to sound/PTSD, I can't believe they're not only still used, but increasing in use. I feel fireworks are pointless, harmful, way overused and I would support banning them altogether. Traditions can evolve to more positive, non-harming ways of celebrating!

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There should be regulations around ages who can purchase them. They should have a special carbon tax.

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Fireworks are perfectly safe and fun for the whole family. Make sure people have access to designated safe places to light fireworks such as parks with large open spaces for FREE. Meaning no permitting required. Lighting fireworks in the streets of neighborhoods is likely not very safe and irritates people. Also our community is very diverse so there should not be any limits to certain days, holidays, celebrations etc. What's important for me may not be for you and vice versa. As a community we just need to provide some designated spaces. I would significantly increase littering fines also though, this would insure people clean up after themselves. On most popular times for fireworks such as Canada Day, Diwali etc have some bylaw officers around to insure safety and that people clean up after themselves. I really believe most people just want to have some fun with their celebrations all we really need to do is provide the community a place to do it. Mount Trashmore comes to mind as a reasonable location I'm sure there must be other locations as well. If the city really needs to use a permit based model make sure it's about safety and using only designated areas, not about the money for example- User goes on a website reviews the rules/designated places around fireworks within the city, pays very minimal fee like say 5 bucks. Print your permit go have fun.

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The amount of fireworks set off during Diwali was insane. They went for hours over multiple days. My son could not sleep. People were setting them off directly beside houses and we were worried about fires. The police and bylaw were overwhelmed by complaints and it seemed like nothing was being enforced.

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Fireworks amongst certain cultures are not the issue, it is irresponsible use and lighting off at all hours and over multiple days that causes the problems. This is almost impossible to enforce, which is why other regions like Brampton have simply canceled all but regionally -run and organized events. Likely the best solution unfortunately.

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You can have all the regulations you want, but someone must be available to enforce them

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Ban fireworks

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If people would set them off before 10:30 pm. I have zero issue with them. Midnight is WAY to late and too disrespectful

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I think the use of fireworks should be left to the city professionals. This past Diwali, I watched our neighbours set them off in their driveway, they fell over multiple times and were shooting off in all directions even as cars passed by. They're unsafe and should not be sold to the general public. I miss watching city hosted events and believe they should be banned in Kitchener. Just because you're old enough to purchase doesn't mean you are educated enough to use them safely. I used to love watching them, now I'm terrified of my roof catching fire.

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More bylaw enforcement is required to make current or increased regulation effective.

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Due to the environmental impact of fireworks, as well as the noise, I think fireworks should be banned completely. Just Have the drone shows instead to replace fireworks , they are more impressive, quiet and don't scare wildlife/sleeping babies or cause environmental concerns/air pollution

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Fireworks are a long standing tradition. It is simply not realistic to cancel everything that garners complaints. The unfortunate violent incidents with Fireworks are not a result of fireworks but of an exceptionally small number of disturbed individuals. Fireworks bring so much joy to many people. It is often a free activity families can enjoy.

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See above.

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Fireworks are very distressing and disruptive. It is a real downside of living by a beautiful park.

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I am concerned about the pollution (atmosphere, air and noise.) I have helped clean up all the waste in a field the following morning, it is quite a mess of garbage. I do appreciate the visual splendour of a well organized display.

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Fireworks are very disruptive and a a nuisance to our communities. Private fireworks are set off at all hours of the night for weeks surrounding the permitted holidays, and the region does not have the resources to properly enforce current restrictions. My family does not feel safe going outside when fireworks are going off on the street in front of my house.

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Fireworks should only be allowed by civic authorities in large public parks on Canada Day. No other public or private celebration with fireworks should be allowed. It is not a matter of educating the public on how to use them safely. It is a matter of nuisance and potential danger, regardless of how much educational resources are available.

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The rules in place are not enforced . We live in Baden beside a park. Fireworks are set off on days when they are not allowed and at times when they are not allowed. We have never confronted anyone about this because it wouldn't do any good, and the people who do complain online are called names and nothing happens. There is an attitude that is prevalent in Wilmot. "Don't tell me what to do. Don't try to take away our 'freedoms'"

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A complete ban is required. If the City would like to have a fire works display, I would support that.

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I'll admit I'm ignorant to much of the nuance with this issue I used them a lot when I was younger, they are fun, they do bring people together But they can be devastating to certain groups of people/animals, and they are overused there is no doubt. 3 AM waking people up. It can be brutal depending on where you live They have a place in our society but more regulation is in order, I believe.

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Fireworks can easily be eliminated without any detrimental effect on the community.

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There has to be a better way to celebrate. Can we consider drones for public events and a full ban on fireworks

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No fireworks please!

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Keep it to 1 or 2 traditional weekends and limit sales/use for the rest of the year

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More police/bylaw patrol when fireworks are permitted; I've seen multiple areas where people are setting them off too close to buildings, past the permitted time, etc.but they are always gone by the time enforcement shows up when called.

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I have had to call bylaw about potential firework hazard in residential property. Living in Waterloo, we are prohibited from open flame use, so that same prohibition should apply to fireworks use in residential spaces.

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Public fireworks done by professionals are lovely and always enjoyed. My neighbour lighting them off the road is of major concern and worry every single time they my house or car is going to be damaged.

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Due to the recent immigration boom in our area and the way they use fireworks it's totally unsafe now. They are being set off on people's front porches, being held in hands, set off too often with no regard for their neighbors. I understand people use these for celebration but they can find other ways too or attend a sanctioned safe celebration of fireworks

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fireworks should not be set off in residential areas!

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Risk isn't worth the payoff anymore. Please ban fireworks as

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enforcement cannot make it to these scenes intime to actively enforce. They are a risk to the community and areas are left with debris and garbage.

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Public resources and tax payer dollars are wasted trying to keep a lid on this fireworks mess. Just ban them and be done with it!

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The reality is, even with current regulations these are rarely followed and there is little to no effective or meaningful enforcement. Ban them altogether.

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As I mentioned before, household fireworks are dangerous, people is not following the safety and community rules. There is always an issue when people is doing it in the houses/residential areas. Must be controlled by a legal authority, more rules and policies if the city will allow them to do it.

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Fireworks should be in designated areas, monitored, regulated and require licenses. There should be strong time limits, as well decibel and smoke limits

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It is too bad that a few what I would call retards have to ruin a good thing for everyone. Fireworks have been going since I was a child (53 years ago), and it has only been recently with our population boom has opened up all these issue (I will let you connect the dots here). Under a baby stroller?? Really!! I get it kids having fun but we have gone too far. I must comment on a certain demographic that ironically has no issues when they are permitted to set off fireworks. Hmmm...

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Fireworks are devastating to animals/wildlife/young children and veterans/those with PTSD and are completely unnecessary

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A complete ban would be preferred. Private fireworks should be banned completely regardless. If the city wants to put something on, use drones for a light show. Less damaging to the environment and the community at large. Fireworks are a nuisance and cause harm to people every time they are set off. Shift workers, children, people with PTSD, pets, wildlife, etc are all severely and negatively impacted by our neighbours recklessly setting off fireworks. Bylaw can't enforce private use sufficiently so it should be banned completely.

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Fireworks terrify domestic animals (dogs, cats, horses, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, etc) and all wildlife! Birds, foxes, rabbits, raccoons, coyotes, etc. They create air pollution and can set off fires! Why is this acceptable? It's not & should be banned altogether.

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I would like to see a switch to drone displays instead of fireworks from the city. This is safer for everybody.

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So many people in the Kitchener community light fireworks on random days at random times and no one does anything. These are private households that do it and they never have a permit and it's never on an approved day. It's so loud, it wakes our family up, it terrifies our pets. I can't imagine what it does to local wildlife and they're just awful for the environment. People don't need fireworks to celebrate things. There are a large number of ways people can celebrate things, and fireworks is not necessary or required to so do. Ban them all!

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Please ban private use...

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I am great with the city hosting firework events for any occasion. However personal fireworks at home is dangerous and a nuisance to the neighbourhood as there is no respect for the times they are let off. Keep it to public spaces controlled by the city.

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I said I would oppose the reduction in n hrs fireworks could be let off. If you mean they have to be finished by 11:30pm I agree. I agree with young of all city fireworks and wouldn't want to see that reduced. I strongly disagree with allowing people to let off fireworks all night long.

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Love to see no or at the very least no household/ private fireworks use for all the reasons checked above.. the greatest of these the pets and wildlife. But in reality who is going to enforce? Bylaw works so minimally and 9 to 5hrs... absolutely useless as most need is after hours and weekends ♀

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Fireworks are readily available. Stop the sale please. And enable stronger control

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All fireworks should be banned. They are bad for the environment and

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they cause major stress to dogs, people with PTSD and shift workers.

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There are many others ways that are safe to celebrate fireworks are unnecessary. My concerns are safety, the excessive noise that negatively impacts animals and people with otsd/anxiety. I support a full ban but it seems even with the current restrictions no one enforces it as it is

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Rules mean nothing without consequences. That's why I don't call by law. Nothing happens

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A real waste of money.

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Stop with the woke culture and banning things that I enjoy. No one elected you to ban fireworks

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Ban fireworks fully. There is no need for such an antiquated way of celebrating. They're awful for the environment and animals. They cheapen our city finding all the bits scattered on the ground. Get rid of them full stop!!!!!!

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With all of the Ukrainian refugees fleeing war that reside in our community the amount of people that set fireworks at random hours can be very traumatic for these residents. I personally have Autism so cannot stand the noise from fireworks. Many dogs are fearful and run away when fireworks are set off. Not good for our wildlife either. I believe we should have only city run displays with fireworks that do not cause so much of a noise disturbance.

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Fireworks should be banned permanently. Isn't it enough that we've taken wildlife's land? It's incredibly cruel to animals and birds

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My neighbour let off fireworks for this last Diwali, but did so in a very unsafe manner. A large rocket firework also fell over, firing off large balls of explosive fireworks, one across the street, one onto my neighbours hedge that caught fire, and one onto my porch which in turn bounced to me and struck me in between the buttocks and exploded. I suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns, and about 19 weeks of wound care. I fully support a region wide ban on all fireworks.

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I feel no matter how much education provided to people they will never stop setting fireworks after 11pm. I live in a neighbourhood where they are set off at 2 and 3am. It's ridiculous, and there's no point to complain to bylaw since by the time they would arrive they stop for 30 minutes and start up again. So an outright ban of sales would help with people being able to purchase them... it's ashame as I find them beautiful and my nervous dog is finally ok with them after so much training.

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I hate the damage done to our environment and to wildlife. Also affects some people. The numerous dogs and cats that also die when they escape there homes to try to run away from the noise.

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Fireworks bring so much joy and fun and bring people together. If we are concerned about safety we should be using actual hospital data and fire data, not asking how worried people are.

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While I have in the past enjoyed fireworks, I now know many people who are terrorized by the fireworks in their neighborhoods. They are afraid to make a call about witnessing fireworks set off illegally due to bylaw officers sharing who has called in to report it to those doing the illegal acts. After hearing about positives from other communities who have created a complete ban I fully support it. If a large portion of the community feels they cannot celebrate without fireworks, then public displays would make sense. However they should not be held where the following day people have to work or too late into the evening when children are trying to sleep (past 9).

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The use and sale of fireworks has become a hazard in all municipalities. Out of town companies come in and sell the fireworks using students who have no idea how dangerous they are. The companies make a quick dollar, leave town and do not contribute to the local economy. This means they do not pay for any emergency services their products may cause. The licensing fee is way too small and companies sublet it out to other companies to sell. Such as Kaboom for Victoria Day and Canada Day but sublet their location for Diwali. Little oversight and action. No fireworks unless they are publically run.

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I have no issue with a total ban on personal household fireworks, but I have no faith that the city can actually enforce this ban. I enjoy fireworks, but don't care enough to need them on my street. Public

events is enough.

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Please focus your efforts on reducing wasteful township spending, adequate snow clearing operations, and police presence in wilmot township rather than attacking Canadian traditions.

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We do need regulations. A couple years ago I had a neighbour setting them off at 2 am and they were landing on my roof. I called it in but no one arrived until after it was done. The city needs to be setup in a way to manage these if they want to have rules and regulations. My suggestion is that if there will be more restrictions, they city needs to be prepared to manage complaints/follow-up with those not working within those regulations. If we can't do that, it's performative to create any sort of expectations. Luckily my animal isn't impacted, but we've had a baby trying to sleep and it's hard when they're going off for days at a time.

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I support the use of controlled fireworks on holidays such as Canada Day and Victoria Day, etc. I oppose the use of fireworks by special interest groups or private households who do not respect noise by law hrs and therefore disturb the rest of the community.

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How do I complain? By the time someone gets there it will be over so what is the point.

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I would suggest the use of light shows in place of fireworks for our community shows. More and more, people are setting off fireworks at all times as they were easy to purchase. And unless bylaw is able to ascertain exactly where they are and get there in time, there is no stopping this from happening. Fireworks should be banned for safety. And the distress it causes wild life and household pets is devastating. Plus the garbage etc. is so bad for the environment. They are beautiful but should no longer be an option

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Let people have fun and enjoy themselves.

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Please consider banning private fireworks use. Too many issues with noise, nuisance, and safety. Thank you for conducting this survey!

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Ban all fireworks for good!!!! There is no reason for them. They cause

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trauma and disrupt everyone!!! They are completely unsafe and misused!!!!

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No sense in spending a lot of effort in updating bylaws if they can't be enforced. We have rules in effect now that should be satisfactory, but are ignored for the fact that enforcement is known to be lacking.

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Fireworks are a nuisance and not at all a celebratory thing. Especially if done by public in private spaces. Be it Canada Day, Diwali or any other festival. If at all, it should only be allowed in a safe and regulated environment only for a limited amount of time.

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Fireworks are extremely harmful to the wildlife in our community, and this is my main concern

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Please ban fireworks in our community. They offer no benefit and cause problems.

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Complete ban on public usage of fireworks is the only solution. Otherwise people will get their hands on them and use them anyways. The leniency is too great

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Thank you for considering amending fireworks bylaws in Waterloo. I would also suggest that if public or private displays go forward that silent fireworks be considered for pet and wildlife safety , as well as for eliminating anxiety for persons affected by loud noises.

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Fireworks are a pointless tradition that is harmful to the environment and everyone around them and only impresses the neanderthals among us. Newer technology (drones) would provide a much safer, less disruptive, and more entertaining public display.

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The Doon area is out of control . While it may not be an issue in more established neighborhoods, these new developments are full of people that have little concern for safety, noise or others property... Just ban ban ban .. people have clearly shown that they cannot go along with the guidelines , and now younger people because of social media, are using them for improper and dangerous use .. If other municipalities can easily ban them .. Waterloo Regis I can grow a pair and do the same ..

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Please just ban them. It has gotten too out of hand.

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One evening of permitted fireworks results in 5-7 days of fireworks at all hours. Bring back big fireworks to reduce this, I would support. Otherwise, people aren't restricting their use and it's is deadly to wildlife and pets. It needs to be stopped.

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I think Kitchener has a good balance of regulations with limits of times and special dates. I think they are a bit of a nuisance but it doesn't have a big impact in my opinion. I think in terms of community safety and risks that enforcement at known challenges (eg Victoria park) is how I would rather money be spent than on other regulations, by laws, or education initiatives.

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I love public firework displays like bangarama! Let's go back to those events and eliminate the private backyard opening the street events. Those are unsafe and damage cars and homes

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The use of fireworks has now gone from celebrating to now being used for mischief and dangerous ones at that , in our neighborhood.. the level of noise in the much more Powerful fireworks for sale is equally of concern . With the disregard for rules and bylaws .. people just set them off close to houses , or in fields, leaving so much garbage behind . Taking leaves to a drop off in Doon, the day after Diwali was disturbing in the amount of garbage and debris just left in the parking lots and baseball fields .. If other municipalities can ban , why can't a progressive community like Waterloo region not ??? Politics? Political correctness? Seems like there is favouritism going on ..

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I would really like to see the community transition to silent fireworks. Get all the color and lights without the noise. I think people can enjoy having them in their driveways or in their backyards on small scales but there's always going to be irresponsible people setting fireworks off at all hours of the night when people are trying to sleep or when pets are trying to go outside and use the bathroom without being frightened. All of the survey questions mean very little if whatever rules are put in place are not going to be enforced. I really want to enjoy a few fireworks or a few sparklers on special holidays and then I would like everyone to just stop setting them off by 10:00 p.m. that would be my perfect world. But seriously can we ban the sale of

fireworks that make noise and just sell the silent ones?

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Use drones instead

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I think there should be more regulation on people who recklessly use fireworks, an example would be the people choosing to set them off in public locations (like school yards) very late in the night (1-3 am) and leaving behind litter. I also think there needs to be more done about the litter that is left behind, there is always so much and it is quite disheartening to see the disrespect people have for the environment.

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The rules and regulations right now seem perfect. However, there doesn't appear to be any repercussions for firework displays during hours or on days they aren't permitted. My son will love the firework displays when he is old enough to stay up for them. Our rescue dog is petrified and we live near a park so long weekends are tough when people have private displays all weekend long regardless of bylaws. Thank you for asking!

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Back in the day, fireworks would be held at one location put on by the city of all to attend. Nowadays, you have people who do not follow the current bylaw and more and more seem to set them off on the streets or their yard. For Diwali neighbors had fireworks 5ft from their home, all week long with no regard for their neighbors or the law. Bylaw did nothing. It has gotten out of control. I support a full ban on fireworks, higher fines for people who do not follow the law. Perhaps a fine of \$5000. I'm sure the city could use the money!

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Most concerning holiday for fireworks by far us Diwali. Canada Day and Victoria Day don't concern me nearly as much.

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I find that there seems to be an increasing number of religious holidays that are being celebrated that include fireworks. It would be nice to know what dates to expect fireworks other than the standard Canadian holidays.

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Thank you for listening to the community, i hope there is good change coming soon!

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Public displays are usually in large open spaces where people can

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celebrate in relative safety. My biggest concern is safety to people who set them off unsafely. I also worry about the wildlife that we can't explain fireworks too. Pets included! Instead of limiting fireworks - how about limiting sales of them? If you are going to allow fireworks they should only be allowed for Diwali. It's directly related to their celebration. May long and July long fireworks are a nice to have, not directly tied to that holiday.

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I strongly support a complete ban on all fireworks

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Fireworks became an issue in the last 2 years. I have high anxiety and health issues and can't handle fireworks past 11pm. This past year (diwli)effected my health negatively as s fireworks were to going off as all night each day 5 days. I cannot do another year of this. The disrespect and disregard for others is unacceptable

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Let's lead the way with drone shows instead

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In other municipalities fireworks bans have had inequitable application because of bigotry and I strongly disagree with that. There should be a total ban on all days.

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2/01/2025 02:32 AM

Fireworks in Doon South are used without regard for the rules anymore. They are used on streets, near houses, schools, in long grass and wooded areas. They are set off by many people, including children, and during many days/nights/hours that are not included in our bylaw. Also seeing lots of very large fireworks, the kind used at professional events, being used as personal fireworks. Please ban the sale and use of fireworks and be prepared to enforce.

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Fireworks are very stressful for people with ptsd. Personally I would love a ban on fireworks. Instead Kitchener should look at using the light shows with drones like Guelph did. That would be a much safer and considerate option.

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The park near where I live is a hub for fireworks. In addition to the noise, which frequently carries in towards 2-3am, there is a notable increase in litter from fireworks shells, to single use Plastics, to broken glass on mornings after after fireworks are set off. This is a place where pets and children play. There are better ways to

celebrate than this.

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My problem with private household fireworks, people tend to set them off very late at night (past 11pm in my neighborhood) and on many unauthorized days. Also, they are often too close to houses and potentially dangerous. They shouldn't be allowed on school nights (can Diwali ones only be allowed on a Friday or Saturday night?). Is there such a thing as silent fireworks? If so, let's only sell those for private or household use.

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Thank you for taking action on this issue. Much appreciated .

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I love fireworks. I know they have negative impacts on the environment, and that they are harmful to pets and people with PTSD. I would love more regulations to keep people safe while I can still enjoy home fireworks. We wanted to have fireworks on New Years Eve, it makes for a beautiful celebration and we have done so in the past but we couldn't find any for sale and all the kids were really disappointed (grown ups too!)

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People are abusing fireworks. They set them off their porches, in the street, for long hours. This needs to stop.

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The noise disruptions of fireworks has increased dramatically over the last 40 years. It really is so horrible for the wild life - education has changed our view points on this over time. (fireworks happens when the weather is good and windows are open - they are disruptive if that is your 'quiet time' or worse yet your sleeping time. It is no longer only two or so days of the year but multiple times - to make it fair - ban private fireworks.

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Ban the fire Works all together. My heart goes out to animals and nature

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The date restrictions allowing only specific cultural dates is very restrictive. I'm used to seeing fireworks on June 24th for the São João (aka St. John or Saint Jean Baptiste) celebrations and they are not even an option due to the existing bylaws. If there are concerns about safety, educate and trust the community to put safeguards in place.

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In Canada fireworks should only be set off on December 31 (New Years Eve)& July 1 (Canada Day) No fireworks should be set off to celebrate individual religious groups holidays like Diwali. You allow it for them then you allow it for all groups thus you will have fireworks all the time and that would cause environmental issues, etc. We are a nation that is supposed to treat everyone the same. No special treatment for any group.

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I believe that all fireworks should be banned, they are terrible for the environment, terrifying for some people and all animals. Those trailers that sell them should be banned. There has to be a better way to celebrate. Don't get me wrong, I did really enjoy fireworks, but now there are way too many risks!

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Over New years 2025 my neighbour had a firework display in their backyard. Next day i found a burnt carboard cylinder 3 x 5 cm on my patio close to the BBG propane tank . in my opinion very unsafe

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The city's Public Fireworks are extremely inferior quality and happens at very far few places hence more people do Private Fireworks. If city increases their amount of Public Fireworks, it will be much better.

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Fireworks are horrible for the environment and cause unnecessary distress to animals. A ban on fireworks is a very easy way to protect both.

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People let off fireworks and leave there garbage behind

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At the very least Kitchener needs to ban private or household use of fireworks and regulate or ban the sale of fireworks. This can not continue as is in residential neighborhoods. The adverse effects are well documented. Bring the community together at a pubic event to enjoy fireworks if they must be set off.

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Fireworks use in my neighborhood is dangerous to people, animals, and property. I used to watch public displays in safer environments. People are too careless to use fireworks. It is no longer enjoyable.

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If people are handling fireworks safely, there is no problem with them.

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I don't think any additional dates should be allowed in Kitchener. I fear every group will start making a case for using fireworks. However, I do believe that New Year's Eve should be added. Perhaps have it replace Diwali, since Diwali is not celebrated by the entire community. I worry about public mischief, which we've seen more of in the last couple of years.

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2/01/2025 03:46 PM

In my neighbourhood they light them off on their driveway landing on other people's property. By the time bylaw gets here it's over and nothing happens to them. It's very dangerous and they light them off at midnight waking all the children and seniors in the neighborhood. I feel we pay way to much in property taxes to have to put up with that.

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2/01/2025 03:46 PM

Fireworks should only be held by the city in public spaces. All private fireworks should be banned since people do not follow the rules

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2/01/2025 04:07 PM

I support a complete ban

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2/01/2025 04:19 PM

Too many fireworks lately, and way too late at night.

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2/01/2025 04:20 PM

Fire works should only be used with permits for personal use. Otherwise they should just be community events

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2/01/2025 04:26 PM

Fireworks are going off at all hours. And the stress on people and animals.

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2/01/2025 04:35 PM

I wish that we would switch completely away from traditional fireworks to the just as good (if not better) amazing drone sky displays.

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2/01/2025 04:36 PM

It's out of hand now , atleast in our community (I live in Doon). We have spoken to our council representative and we were told that there are people on council that are pro fireworks , so nothing will change . Too bad . The fireworks now are much more dangerous and louder .. and because of social media , are used in ways not intended... causing even more concern . The complete lack of disregard for neighbours property and peace has gone and now just heaps of garbage and depleted fireworks left in fields , parking lots and roads ... Just ban like some municipalities have done .. If a city Like

Brampton can , then certainly Waterloo region can !!

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2/01/2025 04:37 PM

Whatever regulations that are put in place need to have enough bylaw and city support to follow through on. With the past few years being quite disastrous and unsafe in the Victoria Park area, not to mention extremely loud and disruptive, there didn't seem to be anything that could be done to stop people breaking the rules.

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2/01/2025 04:49 PM

People need a new way to celebrate. A new hobby

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2/01/2025 05:05 PM

Fireworks should be banned altogether. It promotes humans disrespecting nature, the environment and the community. There are many other ways to celebrate occasions.

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2/01/2025 05:59 PM

Frequent use of private fireworks on public streets is becoming more and more common with no regard for public safety or other homes in the neighborhood.

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2/01/2025 06:53 PM

The current regulations are routinely ignored. The only solution is to ban the use of fireworks outside of public venues hosted by the city.

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2/01/2025 06:59 PM

People who use it for "cultural" celebrations are very loud and disruptive and do not use it during times in accordance with the laws in waterloo region. So what needs to change is city of waterloo services.

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2/01/2025 08:46 PM

We are Ukrainians. Fireworks remind us of missile attack. Children are stressed and hide every time they hear fireworks.

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2/01/2025 10:52 PM

Too many people setting off fireworks in front of houses and on streets. Setting fireworks after midnight. Teens throwing fire works at moving cars. Setting off fireworks on days that are not approved

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2/01/2025 11:32 PM

There are other ways to celebrate that are not disruptive to the environment, animals and people.

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2/02/2025 01:07 AM

I think that fireworks are a positive and fun way for people to celebrate in the community and get together. Please don't add further

restrictions.

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2/02/2025 06:19 AM

Let people set off fireworks! It is such a joy to see whether it is a surprise you notice from your window or an intentional viewing at an event.

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2/02/2025 06:46 AM

People have proven that they can't use fireworks properly/safely and they have shown complete disregard for other when using them. I have witnessed people setting fireworks off in places that they shouldn't, such as parks and schools and then leave a huge mess there. No respect for the people living nearby or for the environment. A complete ban is the best solution.

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2/02/2025 07:06 AM

Fireworks are a massive nuisance and disruption where the enjoyment does NOT outweigh the negative aspects. At the absolute least, fireworks should be banned from purchase or use by the public and in residential or business areas to ensure safe use

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2/02/2025 07:33 AM

The newcomers from India let fireworks off for 9 DAYS in a row for Diwali ...also, in my neighbourhood also for a Wedding at their house... they don't follow any bylaw... so rude and disrespectful

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2/02/2025 07:54 AM

I do believe fireworks should not be completely banned but more safety and rules needs to be in place specially for individual fireworks displays. I find public displays much safer as rules are followed. For individual displays in houses, it should be limited to smaller ones like sparklers which gives a good balance between enjoying and safety. Definitely a ban on bigger fireworks for individual use

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2/02/2025 08:05 AM

Government should stay out of this and let People have something, overregulation is unnecessary. For every compliment made there are 100 people who have no problem

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2/02/2025 08:12 AM

I feel fireworks are a fun and usually inexpensive way to celebrate a magnitude of special occasions. I read/hear about far more people enjoying fireworks displays than people complaining about them. I feel that misuse needs to be controlled at the individual level vs taking away the enjoyment for the masses. I strongly oppose any bans, and feel that the rules around only specific dates should be lifted.

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2/02/2025 08:31 AM

Since I am serviced by volunteer fire service, I am very concerned when I hear fireworks. I believe the ones I hear are late at night by teenagers/young adults. Those have an even higher risk than home/private where families may be taking precautions to light safely. Teenagers in the middle of the night is very concerning. However, I have not called in as police service likely would not be able to arrive and deal with issue prior to them being done.

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2/02/2025 09:29 AM

Please put more restrictions on banning personal use I have seen awful things - cars get hit, my family's porch was hit with my kids being narrowly missed. There is absolutely no control and with this danger it shouldn't be used by just anyone who appear to have little regard for safety.

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 09:32 AM

A permit to set off fireworks is best. This way we know everyone is following proper safety procedures and they have a designated area to set them off. Public park etc. (not at home or in the street.

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 09:52 AM

The damage to the environment, animals and community that fireworks cause is not worth the nostalgia.

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2/02/2025 10:09 AM

Ban all private household fireworks. Have public displays in public spaces and charge admittance. Make vendors licensed and charge a fee for it. Fireworks are set off in my neighbourhood way past 11pm. It is descriptive to my pets AND my children.

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 11:53 AM

Fireworks are devastating to those with PTSD, autism or anxiety. Animals suffer terribly. Replace with drone shows, it's much better.

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2/02/2025 11:58 AM

Make it illegal to have any fireworks and no selling in our community. Our neighborhood has been woken numerous times in the middle of the night because people are setting them off at the school.

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 12:05 PM

No matter what bylaw is we still have people setting them off at all hours of the night and any day they feel like it.

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2/02/2025 12:17 PM

Fireworks sold for backyard use should somehow limited to size . The rockets that can go up a 100yards and let off an explosion that can rattle windows should not be allowed for backyard use.

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 12:34 PM

Personal Firework sale and use needs to be strictly controlled and regulated. If fireworks are set off on a holiday, it should be restricted to one day, not the entire long weekend. They should not be set off anywhere near forests, other natural areas and residential buildings or businesses for obvious safety reasons.

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2/02/2025 01:22 PM

There needs to be increased enforcement of existing rules. In my neighborhood (Huron) there is no respect for existing rules. Fireworks are set off days before and after a celebration and very late into the night. With such dense housing, it is absolutely ludicrous to allow fireworks to be set off in "backyards", driveways, etc.

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2/02/2025 01:31 PM

Fireworks going off at all hours of the night and days that you shouldn't Animals are very scared which can harm them or kill them

Screen Name Redacted

2/02/2025 02:23 PM

Fireworks have a devastating effect in my household, extremely frightening my dogs whose hearts can barely handle it, keeping everyone in the house awake (including my kid) while neighbours continue to set off fireworks far later into the night than they are permitted to without consequence.

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2/02/2025 03:35 PM

Last year we attended the Canada Day fireworks in downtown Kitchener where several youth were setting off fireworks into the crowd on purpose. I screamed for police to help because they nearly killed several people, including babies in strollers, and the police did NOTHING. If the idiots who are supposed to protect us do nothing during these opportunities for injury, then fireworks should be banned completely.

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2/02/2025 04:00 PM

Unless Fireworks are removed entirely, then they should ONLY be permitted by the community itself. There should be a complete ban and subsequent hefty fines (generating income) for those that choose to disobey, sell and/or set off private firework displays., irrelevant as to the reasoning for them. Banned means banned.

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2/02/2025 04:15 PM

I think fireworks are redundant in today's world.

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2/02/2025 05:02 PM

I understand and can agree with public firework displays to bring community together in a safe way. It is also advertised, so those nearby that may be affected by it can plan for it. A neighbour having a private firework display is not advertised in advance, it typically less

safe, and often does not follow the rules for timing. I think public firework displays are unnecessary and are very disruptive to many people, pets, and wild animals. Thank you for having this survey.

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2/02/2025 06:47 PM

Every year a number of people on my street set off private fireworks illegally. They do not care about the by laws, because nobody ever gets fined. They set them off on their driveways or the middle of the street where there are many homes close by and many parked cars. Children as young as 4 are lighting the fireworks and then running away. Garbage is also left all over the school yards where kids will attend school the next morning. I support a ban of private fireworks in Kitchener.

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2/02/2025 08:16 PM

This is a cultural and religious celebration. Traditionally Christmas has a parade and the whole country including schools get shut down and kids spend time with family and friends. Other cultural celebrations of the world do not have such luxuries and fireworks at the least get people excited about bonding with traditions and back to religion. It is once a year and therefore should be allowed for sure.

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No exceptions for anyone or cultures there are other ways to celebrate

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If there was a tutorial for private citizens to take prior to a personal fireworks display, if by law comes calling, they would be exempt if they can prove that they completed the tutorial and have been following the community by law. I guess the question has to be raised, has there ever been fire or damage caused by fireworks? Or is it just a nuisance?

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2/02/2025 09:39 PM

Our large family and neighbors have enjoyed fireworks for years. We all pool our money together to have a big display twice a year. It brings our community together.

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2/02/2025 09:46 PM

Thank you for finally considering a ban on fireworks! They are SO disruptive and out of control in Kitchener surrounding holidays/special occasions that allow fireworks.

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2/02/2025 09:47 PM

I would have liked to have had two surveys ... one for occasional public displays (Victoria Day, Canada Day) and one for private household fireworks. I would have answered differently for each

survey! I enjoy the large fireworks displays put on by the cities or townships. I think that, although they cause distress for birds, because they happen only twice a year (usually), I am okay with it. Kids love fireworks and I feel they are good for community spirit, and safe. What I have a major issue with is the frequency and number of household use of fireworks for private celebrations. I live in Ayr. They are disruptive when you need to sleep and I think it's very unfair to our wildlife/birds to be constantly putting them through that. On a separate note, I do understand people wanting to set off household fireworks for Diwali. However, I wish it was limited to one pre-set day and not spread out over so many days. Thank you for asking these questions.

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2/02/2025 10:22 PM

This is ridiculous- feels like the many are being punished for the few

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2/02/2025 10:29 PM

I've enjoyed fireworks for 43 years! I have dogs, 4 kids, aging parents and it's never been an issue. It would be a shame to see them banned.

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2/02/2025 10:44 PM

Please let people live

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2/02/2025 11:51 PM

Please ban fireworks in private properties it's creating much nuisance. I am an immigrant who celebrate Diwali and I do not encourage letting ppl light fireworks anytime causing disturbance every were . Pls ban in private areas

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2/03/2025 01:47 AM

My biggest problem with fireworks is around Diwali. I feel that the one day regulation is sufficient but people seem to light them all around that day.

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2/03/2025 06:48 AM

Bylaw in the townships needs to work evenings and weekends. No one is letting off fire works M-F 9-5 Not just for this issue, but for so many!!! They are fairly pointless as it stands currently.

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2/03/2025 10:57 AM

Unfortunately the last few years have shown an increase in fireworks being set off during all times of the year and all times of the day with little to no regard for others safety or well-being. Allowing fireworks to be set off on private property is dangerous and should be illegal. "Education" is pointless as those engaging in such activity are likely very aware of their actions with no regard to any negative outcomes

for themselves. I used to enjoy public fireworks displays but this was respected by all and done in a much safer manner. Fireworks should not be sold to anyone other than a licensed professional and anything less is not acceptable. The city should be liable if a homeowner's property is damaged as a result of lax rules permitting others to use fireworks on their private properties or public places (like parks, trails).

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2/03/2025 11:07 AM

I completely support an outright ban on the sale and use of personal fireworks. I selected "Strongly support" for the requirement of a permit, but I actually don't support any private use of fireworks. Please, please end their use. I half-heartedly support public presentations, provided they're limited to one centralized display for the city.

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2/03/2025 11:36 AM

I think even if you ban fireworks, people are still going to do it. So you will need to have a plan for enforcement/consequences to make it matter. I think the community still appreciates fireworks so having approved public displays for multiple cultures would be smart to help avoid people setting off their own.

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2/03/2025 12:32 PM

I once had a dog. I had to go to the vet to get him tranquilizers when fireworks would start going off. By the time the tranquilizer took effect he'd been so traumatized. It makes me think of all the outdoor and indoor animals that go through this. Plus the war vets that get traumatized by the fireworks. Please stop them.

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2/03/2025 01:01 PM

I'd prefer greater enforcement of firework days. Fine people who use them outside of the assigned days/times.

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2/03/2025 02:59 PM

Sever restrictions on fireworks will only make people more aggressive about their use. It is better to provide safe spaces for fireworks to be used than to crack down tightly and force their use in unsafe spaces such as roadways or tight back yards.

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2/03/2025 03:57 PM

Why don't you work on getting criminals and drugs off our streets and leave fireworks and celebrations alone. This is about a couple people that have noise complaints. Fireworks have been a way to celebrate for hundreds of years and there have been no big problems so leave it alone

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It feels as though we are in kindergarten with these types of

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questions.

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2/03/2025 05:02 PM

If private household fireworks displays continue to be allowed, it would be good if on a long weekend, e.g., Victoria Day weekend, individuals didn't set off fireworks on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights... The regulations specify the Monday holiday only, but I would say that's generally ignored, with people setting off fireworks on whichever night suits their personal schedule best.

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2/03/2025 05:30 PM

The questions in #13 were all geared to supporting fireworks with more regulation. I want to be clear that I firmly oppose all traditional fireworks. There was no way to respond to those questions that would capture my position accurately. I wish the questions had been posed differently. Frankly, no amount of education or regulation will change things much if at all. People selling fireworks are often people who do this outside of a traditional business (such as a physical store). They run roadside stands and make a lot of money selling them. They won't care about regulations; they just want to make money. People buying them don't care either. Every year there are at least two fireworks activities planned in Knollwood Park by longterm community members. The last time I asked someone about it, they did not think anyone needed a permit. They start well before dusk because they want the little kids to see them before bedtime. And they keep going well past 11 pm. Then the rogue people with nothing better to do set them off throughout the night. No one cleans up the mess from the fireworks or the parties. The Diwali celebrations are never kept to one night, and again they don't stick to the hours permitted. Whether fireworks are considered part of a cultural or holiday celebration, they're disruptive to residents and harmful to pets, wildlife and people with PTSD. They also put toxic chemicals into the air. There's no good reason to continue this practice. Let's look for environmentally friendly ways to celebrate. Surely there are pyrotechnic or digital alternatives we can explore (Paris did it for the Olympics!). I've called bylaw and police many times when fireworks are being set off very late at night (well after 11 pm) and when I've been walking by Knollwood Park and seen teens setting them off. When you're in your home, it isn't always possible to know where the fireworks are being set off. Of course bylaw isn't available to help late at night, and police are busy. Spending any of our policing budget on fireworks management is wasteful and negligent. Crime has grown a lot in the 32 years I've lived in Kitchener and Waterloo. Our police officers need to be able to focus on serious crimes and on the growing community crimes being committed by nighttime crawlers and daytime creeps stealing items from properties, breaking into homes, and stealing mail and packages. Bylaw management needs to be taking care of issues like fireworks and other bylaw infractions -- proactively! Bylaw

management stinks in Kitchener. The officers are nice people, but there's no proactive bylaw management -- everything has to be a response to a complaint. People in my community have reported over and over and over about basketball nets sitting on the boulevards and hanging over the road -- and children playing on the road. As soon as bylaw gives the warning, the equipment gets removed -- but temporarily. No one can do anything if your neighbour has a bright light shining into your home all night. No one cares if your neighbour has a fire pit in their yard and you and other neighbours have to keep your windows closed for at least 24 hours to keep your home from smelling like wood smoke. And no one cares if you are kept up at night by fireworks that keep you from sleeping or that stress out your animals or a person in your home. The Region of Waterloo's bylaw management is no better. They may be empathetic, but they can't seem to do anything about the people who root through our garbage and blue bins day and night. Neighbours and I have reported this activity frequently but now most of us have given up. People drive their nice vehicles into our neighbourhoods, root through our bins, and load up their vehicles with cans and bottles. Then there are the people with bikes and wagons, and the ones walking with shopping carts. And they wake us up while they root through the bins or dump them on the ground; and they make a lot of noise carting around the cans and bottles. How about spending some money teaching people why they shouldn't leave refundable containers in their bins (e.g., that money goes to the waste management organization and helps reduce costs to taxpayers; people who genuinely need help are better served when we donate money to non-profit organizations that can provide appropriate support; communities are safer when we don't have outsiders walking our streets going through our things). While I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey, I have little confidence that the leaders at city hall will do the right thing for the community and our environment. It's a city that likes to say that bylaws exist to make this a comfortable city for all; but the reality is our leaders want to ignore most things unless there's a real uproar. I appreciate the opportunity to share my views on fireworks and other topics I've touched on. I will likely end up leaving a city that I love. I will miss it here for many, many reasons; but it's become an increasingly uncomfortable place to live and thrive.

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2/03/2025 05:42 PM

Private displays are simply unnecessary and unsafe, private sales are similarly undesirable. I don't believe spending public money on an education campaign makes good fiscal sense. Too often I end up walking through a public park or down a street the day after and there is significant waste left behind, it creates significant disturbance in neighbourhoods well into the evening, and is out of touch with our evolving commitments to live in balance with our natural world. If permits for private displays were made available, it would be my

opinion that they should be (somewhat) prohibitively expensive to recover the costs for enforcing new regulations, also ensuring that permits were only worth applying for where there are significant cultural/community gatherings of celebration that justify such an expense.

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2/03/2025 07:19 PM

As a dog owner I am concerned about the distress fireworks cause when set off in residential areas. Also, a neighbour 's puppy chewed on a misfired firework that landed in their backyard resulting in the puppy becoming very ill & a large veterinary bill. Do not object to public firework displays that are set off by experienced & safety conscience personnel

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2/03/2025 07:33 PM

We need to the immigrant community on board that they can not be setting off fireworks anytime they it is appropriate. We are in Canada not some other third world country where anything goes

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2/03/2025 08:45 PM

I used to like them but have since learned they're quite disruptive to wildlife and scary for a lot of pets (albeit not mine). Just seems we could find less damaging ways to celebrate in a crowd.

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2/03/2025 08:47 PM

Total ban. Nothing else acceptable. Huge fines for violators.

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2/03/2025 10:06 PM

I think the present regulations are fine. I would be happy to see more education on safety.

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2/03/2025 10:58 PM

Fireworks have been a way to bring joy to people for centuries. At a time where people are being more and more oppressed and feeling discouraged with cost of living this would yet take anyway another affordable / free way for people to find joy. I have owned and trained many pets and dogs which has eliminated pet issues with loud noises. Loud noise training is a standard part of puppy training, and considering many people are using it as a reason to limit fireworks but get at the same time do not properly train their pets, it should not be a factor.

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2/04/2025 05:52 AM

Honestly my big issue is kids just set them off all year around and waterloo bi-law does absolutely NOTHING about it. I have a neighbour who lets their kids set off fireworks all year round and IT IS WILDLY ANNOYING AND FRUSTRATING!! We need more penalties for using them outside of permitted days and hours! And actually fine

people who dont listen!!

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2/04/2025 10:50 AM

Just ensure that there is a strict time that fireworks must be over by and increase fines for those not in compliance.

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2/04/2025 12:20 PM

Stop kidding yourselves. Regardless of the rules people will buy and set off fireworks.

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2/04/2025 01:29 PM

Re:banning the sale of fireworks...my reply applies to sale for home use. I believe sale to licensed providers for community displays should continue.

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2/04/2025 03:13 PM

There should be a fine for anyone who sets off fireworks on the days that are not allowed.

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2/04/2025 03:51 PM

Fireworks are a thing of the past. They are disruptive and dangerous, especially in the wrong hands! Drone displays are better and more interesting

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2/04/2025 03:59 PM

We have witnessed the fairly safe lighting of fireworks in the Aud parking lot by some, and we have had "shells" landing in our backyard from fireworks being lit from backyards a few houses away. Some will always be safe, some will not. We reside near the Aud, near the Expressway, in a quiet neighbourhood with very large trees in the backyards. Obviously a backyard is not appropriate for this in our area.

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2/04/2025 04:01 PM

I support banning private displays of fireworks unless they have applied for a permit and follow the regulations therein. Public displays on designated holidays should continue. I think the regulations are fine as they are, but people don't follow the rules and enforcement is difficult, if not impossible in many cases. If the regulations can't be enforced, then they are useless and making them stricter will have no effect.

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2/04/2025 06:00 PM

Fireworks are being set off at people's whims during hours and days outside of what is permitted. Try going to sleep after midnight or being woken up at 5 in the morning with "idiots" setting off these fireworks at their will outside of the actual celebration day. I think fireworks should be banned from being sold to the general public to set off

whenever they feel like it. Cities or towns should be the only ones permitted to have fireworks in designated areas such as a park for the public to attend on the specific celebration day.

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2/04/2025 07:33 PM

I support fireworks during Canada Day, Victoria Day, and New Years Day held at safe places.

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2/04/2025 08:31 PM

I am a pet owner and when I know which nights fireworks are happening I am able to make provisions to lessen her anxiety. The problem happens when they are set off on random nights. Bylaws should state exactly which nights fireworks are allowed and have severe fines for those people who ignore the rules. That means that enforcement HAS to HAPPEN! Education about windy days and fire bans are important. Sales should never happen during a Fire ban

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2/04/2025 08:50 PM

My dad always had fireworks when I was little. He was responsible and very safe. Too many idiots who know little, don't attempt to be responsible and have no regard for their community, have access to them. They were set off three days in a row in our area. Once after 1am! Some traditions have to end when society loses respect.

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2/05/2025 12:05 AM

Fireworks should not be used for religious events. They should only be used for Canada Day - a day that everyone in Canada should share without division. May24 is a tradition I support for Canada as well (although would be ok if no fireworks were allowed).

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2/05/2025 01:56 AM

I have attended Canada Day fire works display in the Village of Clyde for the past 3 years. It is a wonderfully well organized, safe and fun day everyone looks forward to each year. Bringing family and friends along to enjoy an awesome event. Everyone contributes and makes our community closer. Can't wait for a great day this year.

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2/05/2025 08:47 AM

I would strongly support to ban fireworks altogether!

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2/05/2025 10:15 AM

People that break the rules need to be punished with large fines and/or jail. Not given Warnings.

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2/05/2025 12:23 PM

Seriously needs to be limited to public displays only. So many animals (and people) experiencing major stress because of the lack of regulation. It also makes it difficult to plan when trying to take pets

out because you don't know what time people will set fireworks off at home.

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2/05/2025 01:11 PM

We don't need more rules or regulations we need enforcement of the ones we have already. I never hear anything about the enforcement

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2/05/2025 01:18 PM

My biggest concerns is around the times that fireworks go off, sometimes well into the morning hours. It is so disruptive for people. So I'd like to see a hard stop required. I think that any changes (enforcement, education) have to be properly resourced. Regulations and rules don't really matter if enforcement doesn't occur.

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2/05/2025 02:09 PM

I strongly believe - to bring community together. Fun for children to enjoy few of the festivals. It should not be ban. Thank you

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2/05/2025 02:12 PM

Many people don't abide by the rules. I can hear them going off but 99% of the time I don't know where they are going off and couldn't file a complaint even if I thought something would be done.

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2/05/2025 02:38 PM

Pertaining to multiple dwelling buildings, does the fireworks bylaw cover those properties as a single residence or not? I'm sure some families would like to have fireworks there on those properties, but some of those tenants would not. So where do those that enjoy fireworks stand under the fireworks bylaw since public property bans such use?

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2/05/2025 02:40 PM

I would support having one or two city organized public fireworks shows for everyone on an annual basis to enjoy at a time convenient for families with small children and banning private fireworks completely.

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2/05/2025 03:04 PM

Would support increased patrolling by by-laws or police near parks and schools on days where fireworks are expected to go off.

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2/05/2025 04:02 PM

There is no good reason that fireworks need to be set off in this day and age with light shows being safer and environmentally friendly. A total ban is the only sensible solution.

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I support public fireworks a few times a year to bring the community

2/05/2025 04:12 PM

together. I do not believe that people should be doing personal fireworks within city limits. We have also had a number of issues with people setting off fireworks in our neighbourhood as an act of defiance/nuisance (sometimes pointed towards houses).

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2/05/2025 04:27 PM

It's a tradition and we celebrate every year ! Kids love it.

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2/05/2025 04:44 PM

We all share this planet and the wildlife needs to be protected. Once you know better, you do better.

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2025 05:05 PM

We have few occasions to bring our community together celebrate the holiday do fireworks with family and kids we don't want Canada a boring country .if few people do mistake they have to punished not everyone suffers. We need to do fireworks and have fun and bring business to city

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2/05/2025 06:25 PM

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I would prefer to see light displays and totally ban fireworks. With all the 21st century technology available, we don't need fireworks to celebrate!

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2/05/2025 10:17 PM

Diwali is our tradition rings all neighbors together. We should celebrate for 9 days. We need permission for all those 9 days

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2025 10:27 PM

Last year a group of people were setting off fireworks very close to the play structure at Resurrection Park which scared all of the children playing there and sent them running home. My daughter kept screaming in fear. I was so mad and started yelling at the group but they seemed to be talking in another language. I wanted to complain but didn't know whether or not they were allowed to use fireworks in a public park.

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2025 10:38 PM

We have neighbours who light fireworks in the middle of several houses with no care or concern for where the debris and sparks end up.

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Eliminate fireworks completely.

2/05/2025 11:05 PM

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 07:05 AM

Community fireworks are very well planned and thought out. Perhaps we consider hosting community fireworks for a variety of cultural backgrounds, to ensure inclusivity and also safety. A total ban for some and not others is not the goal. Safety is the goal.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 07:05 AM

The increased amount of fireworks in neighborhoods has extremely increased with no regard for pets people work sleep needs or personal property. People in street setting off and i'm afraid some will be hit by car We need to have a clear firm stance on this all year. Especially when it's limited for victoria and canada day. We are creating a divide when not being clear.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 07:49 AM

Fireworks to be allowed for few days and few hours. Strong fines for violations and people creating nuisance.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 09:07 AM

If you're not going to ban fireworks, there needs to be by-law on big holiday weekends driving around or available by phone. We have had multiple fireworks land on our roof or vehicles from neighbours and it's very dangerous in a residential setting.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 09:26 AM

Too many fireworks are being lit in residential areas that are close to vehicles/other homes. Fireworks are also being lit during very late hours. 10-11pm

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 09:40 AM

Fireworks used by teenagers and anyone that can get their hands on them is so annoying . Wilmot township is horrible. Can't even walk my dog anymore (always on a leash) fear of them being set off! Animals don't deserve this noise ! Humans struggle too. I'm worried my house is going to be set on fire at time because of stupid neighbours that don't understand they are fire. The noise sounds horrible when you are sleeping or all ready struggling with animals that have fear of them.

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2/06/2025 09:45 AM

In 2021, Wellesley Township attempted to have a public fireworks event on the boundary of a local farm, without consulting the farmer and without any consideration for the welfare of the livestock on the farm. Fireworks cause significant stress to the environment and animals and the potential benefit of seeing pretty colours in the sky does not come close to justifying the significant harm that they cause.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 09:50 AM

I would like to add New Years Eve for a day you can light fireworks.

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2/06/2025 09:56 AM

I think they are fun, but probably not worth the costs. There are alternative light shows which are safer and less disruptive

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 10:04 AM

I feel an extra day for celebrating each of the 3 events approved would be more practical. People are not following the one day rule. I feel that Lunar New Years should be included with Diwali as recognition that it is an important cultural event for many of our Chinese, Vietnamese citizens. In public displays, the length of time that fireworks are shooting off could be reduced somewhat.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 10:10 AM

Please note Fireworks have no religious significance for Hindus. This has been a custom for years but not important for any prayer ritual. Nobody should be given allowance to pollute the air and water of this beautiful land we call home. Community Fireworks can be replaced by drone show easily.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 10:13 AM

Add regulations and safety knowledge to residents. Fireworks time slot should be given to residents and strictly followed.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 10:23 AM

Fireworks have been around forever. All of a sudden people are complaining they're noisy and their pets are scared. It's a few days out of the year to celebrate, the Karens need to get over it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:03 AM

The use of permits is being over done and to be honest most are not going to likely go get one. Fireworks have always been a way in which we celebrate within Canada our holidays whether done so privately or at larger township/city functions. Private fireworks should be allowed so long as done safely and respectfully.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:14 AM

I think fireworks shouldn't be sold to the public or allowed to be set off at households. They should be only allowed at public displays like Niagara Falls, community park celebrations, etc. The use of fireworks (in the last couple years) has gotten extremely disruptive to the community. Too many times I was out walking my dog or just letting my dog outside and a firework was set off. She is extremely fearful of fireworks. When it's a specific holiday I know to avoid outdoors but it's the households that randomly set them off. Or people that go to my towns park and set them off. I've seen firework garbage left on the

parks soccer field many many times.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:24 AM

Fireworks have outlived their usefulness and are an antiquated technology. Fireworks should be completely banned. And while you are at it, ban Chinese lanterns as they are nothing but incredibly dangerous flying fire bombs. If society still wants public light displays to celebrate a holiday or event, there is drone technology that can be used as a very viable alternative to fireworks. It is way safer for everyone and for the environment. It does not create excessive noise that scares family pets, livestock, wildlife, and some people.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:47 AM

My home backs onto a very small urban park, where people seem to think it is fine to use drugs, camping/encampment, and fireworks. If there are public laws to ban this type of thing, there needs to be an adequate response. I have never called by-law about fireworks, but I have called with concerns about other issues. Sadly the response has been seriously lacking. As such, I don't think the city should bother with cracking down on fireworks because they are ill-equipped to respond to complaints or public concerns. Most fireworks displays are at night, and by-law officers typically do not respond to complaints made at night.

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2/06/2025 12:43 PM

Had so many firework bits and pieces fall onto our property (hot tub cover) 2 years ago. Also huge amount blew over train tracks and ended up all over property. All household fireworks being set off.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 01:22 PM

Imagine finally getting your newborn to sleep after an exhausting day, only for a sudden explosion to shatter the silence—again and again, well into the night. Your baby wakes up screaming, your rescued pet is trembling and peeing itself in terror, and you're left feeling powerless in your own home. As a mother of two newborns and a sensitive pet, I see firsthand the toll that unregulated fireworks take on families and communities. Fireworks are a tradition of joy and celebration, but when they're used excessively in residential areas—especially during religious festivals—their impact becomes more than just a loud noise. They disrupt sleep, trigger anxiety, and create a lingering sense of unease for days after. Public and community fireworks feel safe, organized, and inclusive, allowing people to gather and celebrate in a way that respects traditions while ensuring safety. But in neighborhoods, the uncontrolled bursts of sound don't just disturb—they alienate. People with sensory sensitivities, newborns, the elderly, and pets all suffer, while air and noise pollution affect the well-being of an entire community. Regulations around fireworks need to be inclusive of everyone. Celebrations should bring

people together, not make them feel unsafe in their own homes. A more thoughtful approach—shifting towards community-organized displays instead of unchecked residential use—can help ensure that joy doesn't come at the cost of others' peace and security.

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2/06/2025 01:34 PM

It's very enjoying and this is a private party in a private

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2/06/2025 02:02 PM

Let people enjoy the fun of fireworks,getting together with celebrations,enjoying life

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 03:03 PM

If we have to have yearly permit for fire pits , then why not for fireworks? I had pieces of fireworks on my wood deck and who knows what on my roof from neighbors. Fireworks need to be controlled in a safe public area by professionals, one day only on holidays. That way anyone can enjoy and be safe and quiet. Win win !!!!

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 03:05 PM

fireworks are pretty

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2/06/2025 03:29 PM

Give more time to do that

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 03:50 PM

Private Fire Works are extremely disruptive due to no schedule, erratic and random and over all triggers people and persons Not Prepared for the noise.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 04:58 PM

Fireworks may be dazzling to humans, but they pose serious dangers to the environment and wildlife and should be banned entirely. Traditional fireworks release toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and plastic debris into the air, soil, and water, contributing to pollution and long-term ecological harm. The loud explosions cause panic, disorientation, and fatal stress in birds, pets, and wild animals, sometimes leading to injuries or death. Fireworks also start fires, worsen air quality, and disrupt vulnerable ecosystems. There is no justification for continuing this harmful tradition when better alternatives exist. Noiseless or silent fireworks, while a step forward, still produce chemical pollution. The best options are drone light shows and laser displays, which provide stunning visuals without harming wildlife, polluting the environment, or triggering distress in animals. A complete ban on fireworks is the only responsible choice. By eliminating them and embracing sustainable alternatives, we can protect wildlife, reduce pollution, and celebrate without destruction.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 05:02 PM

Do not ban. Please make it easy to use fireworks in big occasions like Diwali, chinese new year, amd other significant occasions.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 05:07 PM

I believe that the negatives of private fireworks displays far outweigh any positives. People could just as easily celebrate without fireworks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 05:21 PM

Many of these questions are contextual. I may support some additional regulations depending on what they are.

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2/06/2025 06:34 PM

I do not feel that private citizens should be able to purchase or put off fireworks. Displays put on by towns or cities in conjunction with the fire dept and professions is enough.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 06:43 PM

Stay in your lane. Leave people alone and let them run their own lives. Government and regulations should not be involved in people's lives. Put your agendas aside. Stay in your lane. Fireworks are safe and people use them safely. Use our ever-increasing amount of tax dollars for initiatives that enrich the Region of Waterloo. Stop controlling people. Do something productive and start running things better.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 06:50 PM

Our dog is terrified of the sound poor guy.

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2/06/2025 07:01 PM

There are many people and animals - both domestic and wild, who are scarred of the noise created by fireworks. The noise can also be disruptive to babies or small children who are sleeping when fireworks go off.

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 07:31 PM

I think in moderation fireworks are a nice event for holidays. I do feel people don't always follow the days allowed but they aren't overly disruptive as they don't last too long. In years past there was complaints setting them off near horses, if we can avoid those locations and find a spot (the new rec centre) that doesn't have that issue hopefully everyone (or most people) will be happy!

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 08:32 PM

People should NOT be allowed to set fireworks off in a school yard. Have had parts of the fireworks land in the back yard of my residence and have burnt patches of grass where the ends have landed.

Residents need to know where we can voice our concerns and complaints. They seem to let the fireworks off late at ni as well

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:03 PM

Our family LOVES going to see public fireworks displays!!! Please PLEASE don't get rid of them!!!! We only get them MAYBE twice a year on Wellesley. Would love to see more!

Screen Name Redacted

2/06/2025 11:24 PM

My main concern is for the animals and environment.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 07:23 AM

Make fireworks predictable, regarding day/time. Banning, will make policing difficult - but I won't complain too much if fireworks are banned.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:14 AM

I feel that current regulations are not being followed. I live near an open park and the wetlands with people not even from the neighborhood coming all throughout the summer to let off fireworks. We have had experiences where fireworks are going off late into the night (3am). With young kids and an elderly dog that gets extremely disturbed by fireworks it's extremely difficult. Anyway the township can better enforce the current by law or make it more difficult for private households to set off fireworks, I am in favor of.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 10:21 AM

Thanks very much for asking! Too many people celebrate their own cultural events that do not apply to everyone, and cause a lot of air and noise pollution. Have a public fireworks display for Canada Day, how about celebrating that?!

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 11:41 AM

I hope we can have stringent laws around fireworks, including increasing fines.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 12:02 PM

We attend an annual fireworks display on a court using the field behind my family members home. The same responsible adults each year are in charge of setting off the fireworks using pails of sand. The crowd is standing very far back and there are no trees, cars or houses that can be damaged. The mess from the fireworks is cleaned up the next morning. This event brings the community together and it's a great evening celebrating Canada Day. We have attended the public fireworks display at Riverside park for many years but it's just too difficult to get out of the park because of all of the traffic. We are getting older and it's quite a walk out of there to sit in your vehicle for hours.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 12:09 PM

Stop trying to suck the fun out of everything. Encourage fireworks safety if anything.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 01:28 PM

We attended a private fireworks display the people that do the fireworks are completely responsible and they do it in a safe manner Also the clean up and they are disposed not left behind The children that attended totally enjoy the display and they are supervised

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 02:15 PM

Like many European countries, please STOP FIREWORKS abs switch to Drone Works. Save the wildlife, atmosphere abs people with PTSD.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 03:12 PM

Too many private fireworks lasting all weekend. Set aside day and time and enforce it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 05:08 PM

I believe that fireworks displays should apply for licenses similar to food vendors, with plans provided for safety, first aid, location and named fireworks handlers. Purchases of fireworks can only be made by people with fireworks licenses. There should also be a listing of fireworks displays to allow those with PTSD, anxiety and pets to make arrangements.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 06:00 PM

Please ban sale and use of fireworks. People have shown that they can't be trusted. It's exhausting being woken up at 3am for multiple days in a row every holiday season throughout the year

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2/07/2025 08:17 PM

Not enough enforcement when neighborhoods have called.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:21 PM

I am autistic and sound sensitive and my neighbours upstairs are Ukrainian refugees. No one in this house like the noise.

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2/07/2025 08:30 PM

I support a complete ban

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:33 PM

I live in the District of North Vancouver where fireworks were banned in 2024. The amount of pollution and noise that fireworks cause is a problem. Anytime you set fireworks off in areas near forests or grass,

you risk a forest fire, and you cause fear in the local wildlife. My neighbor that has PTSD would hide in his home not just on the day that fireworks are allowed but for two days before and two days after because fireworks would go off on those days too. There are better ways to celebrate. Look into laser light shows, or drones.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:33 PM

I think having fireworks on specific occasion is fine. Just need to have them end at a reasonable time. I know we like to see the township fireworks in July as my young son really enjoys watching them. I don't like when private people do it late into the night near my house

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2/07/2025 08:34 PM

I support a complete ban

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:38 PM

I live in River Ridge, beside an open field where fireworks are let off regularly throughout the year. They are let off for any occasion, including family weddings and birthdays. It is very disruptive to the neighbours, pets and wildlife. We often wake to fireworks. I would love to see a full ban, and public drone displays to become available. There are many other ways to celebrate special occasions, without disrupting the whole neighbourhood. Thank you for this opportunity to share my views and experience with fireworks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 08:43 PM

This MUST happen. Kitchener WATERLOO has turned into a lawless society. No control of anything fireworks is just one of the painful items. Super disruptive and the new immigrants to this country don't give a crap and I'm sick and tired of it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 10:02 PM

A plug from the end of unlicensed fireworks landed on the neighbour's roof and into the evestroughs which could have resulted in a fire. I know our veterans which I know personally cause them distress even if they don't admit it does.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 10:07 PM

Stop all live fireworks! Use drones instead, they are quiet. Only limit number of times allowed, not whenever feel like it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 10:36 PM

This seems like a situation where a vocal minority is complaining.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 11:07 PM

There are many more holidays than canadas day where people celebrate with fireworks. Don't disclude people just because its not

something you celebrate.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 11:13 PM

My biggest issues are environmental and how much distress it causes animals and wildlife

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2025 11:34 PM

We must be unified in our approach. If a ban is considered then stringent fines must follow!

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 05:49 AM

Remove the restriction on fireworks in parks, it would reduce the risk of damage to property. Just require permits for fireworks everywhere including parks

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 07:29 AM

I enjoy the public Canada Day fire works displays held across our Municipalities. They bring people together and kids enjoy a nice big show. They are safe for visitors and limited in their time/date. However, I don't enjoy fireworks going off all May 2/4 weekend from people's backyards.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 08:28 AM

Fireworks should be banned for sale to individuals since no one follows or respects the rules.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 08:46 AM

This is a tradition and brings so many community members together. I believe you should leave the regulations as is for the way that Canandians celebrate specific holidays. I do not think there should be religious reasons to set off fireworks as we are Canadians and religion is not tied to our holidays for fireworks. There should not be extra days or times added for other cultures to set off fireworks. It should stay as it is for both public and private usage of fireworks during Canadian holidays that have been a tradition for Canadians for so many years.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 12:19 PM

I have witnessed people injured by fireworks. My dog was injured by a stray Cannon. A lot weekends the noise crackers go on til 3am, All weekend. Animals wild and domestic are very disturbed by the unnatural noise. Some people don't respect the power of fireworks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 01:42 PM

We love fireworks. We don't go to public display only family and friends.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 01:59 PM

Putting more restrictions won't do a thing. Nobody adheres to the rules anyway. It should be banned for anyone doing privately. Only public displays allowed period

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 02:14 PM

Fireworks cause lots of harm to pets, animals, the environment, people with PTSD. I understand people want to celebrate but there are other ways to celebrate that are not harmful to residents and the environment. Please ban them period, including on Canada Day.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 03:52 PM

The only issue it people setti grhwm Off at 3 am directly at houses

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 04:24 PM

Fire works only to be done by city or big organization is safe area far from houses or only in Canada Day , that's it

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 05:38 PM

Let's just let the city do Fireworks for Canada day. Anything else isn't needed

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 06:39 PM

Loads of infractions in our neighbourhood especially 24th of May and Diwali. Bylaws are not enforced so why create new ones that also won't be enforced.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 08:35 PM

Tired of all the regulations constantly being put on people. For private fireworks you should be allowed to set them off in a school field as that is where there is the least amount of safety hazards (trees, houses, people). Schools aren't in session and as long as there is respect in regards to clean up, it shouldn't be an issue.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 08:47 PM

They are very distressing to both farm animals and companion dogs so I would support silent fireworks or if absolutely necessary a scheduled fireworks display put on for a specific time period such as Victoria Day and Canada Day at a public event.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 09:15 PM

I don't think that fireworks can be banned outright but strongly support a complete ban of private fireworks. I believe the City should host a fireworks show for each of the major celebrations and that's it. Let the professionals do it and no one else. And that would help reduce the negative impact on wildlife and those with PTSD and anxiety disorders.

Screen Name Redacted

2/08/2025 09:18 PM

They are an environmental disaster terrible for wildlife damaging to people from War torn countries. Honestly, they're just a terrible example of humanity..... entertainment that is damaging but hey, it's entertaining. We need to get past this.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 11:04 AM

I used to enjoy fireworks. Private fireworks have always carried increased risk of injury. But, even public fireworks have become dangerous as demonstrated by recent events where members of the public shot fireworks at innocent bystanders. We need a complete firework ban to keep Kitchener safe

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 11:23 AM

Education programs do not change the behaviour of people who are using fireworks in unsafe and problematic ways. The information regarding safety, environment is easily available. Also, requiring people to have a permit means that someone has to go around checking permits, unless you could not buy them without a permit but they will be sold illegally. If fireworks are not available and/or noone is allowed to use them outside of a designated area, or day etc. then it is possible to enforce the rules. Do not just make a rule that is takes people to enforce but it is not even really do-able. Either ban it, or it will continue to be a problem.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 11:51 AM

3,000 feet from any farm...setting off fireworks, especially livestock operations The private person banned from any fireworks Fines need to be tripled in amounts

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 01:43 PM

The consistent use of fireworks across the region would make the enforcement of dates and times easier. Better yet,, just ban them as we have so many rules now, people are confused and then willfully skirt the issues.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 05:37 PM

Private fireworks when done safely, can bring neighbours together ♥ I love to meet old and new neighbors . It helps to bring neighbourhoods ♥ together.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 08:07 PM

Biggest concerns are around private use: - close proximity to homes - hours (too late, often after midnight) - garbage in public parks

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2025 08:15 PM

Private fireworks bring neighbors together and kids enjoy it. Most people setting off fireworks are safety conscious.

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2/09/2025 08:23 PM

Fireworks should not be banned

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2025 08:37 AM

Typically fireworks are only used in our neighbourhood on special holidays - Canada Day, May 24, Diwali, and Chinese New Year. It is not disruptive. Our whole neighbourhood gathers in the park to watch a private display which is put on safely by volunteers and money collected from all of us. It is a great community building activity. There will always be people who complain because their dog doesn't like it or they have small kids. But it is not very often, and helps celebrate important traditions. Limiting to only official displays is not helpful because it means traffic, parking and other issues associated with large public gatherings. I would far prefer to walk from my house to the local park. Allowing private citizens to run the events works out fine. Banning them all together to satisfy a few complainers doesn't make sense.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2025 02:05 PM

Fireworks are not necessary and cause stress to animals and humans alike, find a better way to celebrate without harming others

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2025 08:17 PM

I think vendor should not sold big fireworks & noise making fireworks. Other's fireworks should allowed to public

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2025 09:04 PM

I would prefer drone shows replace fireworks for public displays. I would like to see more visible enforcement for the current and any stronger regulations. Restricting the sale and access for members of the public is a terrific idea.

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2/10/2025 09:57 PM

I think private should be banned and the city should run a set number of events with them throughout the year. Possibly migrating towards drone/light shows.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2025 10:13 PM

It's time to ban all fireworks and find a safer and quieter way to celebrate special occasions. Thank you for providing this survey.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 06:32 AM

Please bring back fireworks at U of Waterloo Park to avoid private use of fireworks. It's the safest plan for Waterloo residents.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 10:23 AM

I would like to see the return of the large fireworks display at U of W for Canada Day. Also encourage use of drones

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 02:20 PM

There a people that do not respect the rules of setting off fireworks and disturb their neighbours sleep by setting them off overnight until 5:30 a.m. on multiple nights. Calling By-law is useless because they can't be everywhere this is happening before the culprits take off. Stop selling fireworks to the public for starters.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 03:01 PM

I enjoy public fireworks displays put on by trained professionals during select days and hours of the year. I would support stronger regulation for private household fireworks since these are being set off by people with no training in areas that may cause residential or environmental damage.

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2/11/2025 03:03 PM

fireworks are a tradition for holidays

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2/11/2025 04:16 PM

BAN private fireworks and introduce gradually drones fireworks with background music. Till the enforcement officer comes the neighborhood could be on fire due to teenagers irresponsible excitement. BAN PRIVATE FIREWORKS!!!

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 04:34 PM

Keep fireworks sales it brings family together please don't ban

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 04:41 PM

We have enough regulations, we just have to teach common sense to people to use of fireworks.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 05:02 PM

Fireworks bring family together and it's been generations since I was in high school we had fireworks. I would be very unhappy if my grandchild doesn't get to see things I've seen when I was younger.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 05:02 PM

Fireworks are fun! And I enjoy blowing fireworks! Its just a ones a year in your life time! Makes people happy!!

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2/11/2025 05:10 PM

Please don't ban we whole family loves fireworks

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2/11/2025 05:10 PM

I love fireworks!!

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 05:23 PM

Fireworks are fun !!! great parenting tool to keeps kids off there phones and tv. Great outdoor activity

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 06:08 PM

Fireworks are a cultural thing don't ban it

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 08:10 PM

Fireworks are amazing for the community my kids and neighbours love them

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 08:33 PM

Rules aren't followed as far as what day fireworks can be used.

Screen Name Redacted

2/11/2025 09:42 PM

I would like to see the occasional community firework events continue, but a complete ban on private/household fireworks. Community firework events are announced well in advance, giving people time to prepare, and avoid if necessary. Private fireworks are typically more dangerous, and can cause a lot more distress for those in the area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 12:14 PM

The amount of people that set fireworks off in the middle of the street is alarming. The ashes damage cars and god forbid if one goes through a house window. That could kill someone or destroy someone's house. I have seen small children holding fireworks as they go off. They need to be banned all together. They are dangerous and people have no common sense. Leave explosives to professionals.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 02:33 PM

Fireworks are done 2 or 3 days in full year that too before 11:00 pm. Canada is known for its diversity and we enjoy it. We should not stop celebrating other's culture if it is done just for few hours . We should have some level of tolerance .

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 04:52 PM

Bylaws are okay, but how is it getting implemented? people are bursting crackers in off hours and in parks. Fine has to be increased for people. By the time police/bylaw reaches the spot people run away.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 06:48 PM

Fireworks must be replaced by drone shows, its much more peaceful way to celebrate and enjoy various occasions

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 07:07 PM

No fireworks at all under any circumstances

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2025 08:51 PM

I'm totally opposed to further restrictions on private fireworks displays. I think Waterloo Council needs to focus on more important issues. Seriously deal with homelessness, and refrain from expanding bike lanes when they are extremely underused. Tax dollars should be spent on snow clearing of public sidewalks as we strive to become a walking community. Cyclists do not have physical mobility issues but I see many people struggling in snow with canes, walkers, mobilized wheelchairs etc. I believe you need to re-examine your priorities.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2025 09:31 AM

This is unfair. We all are living here. Canada is multi cultural country. Still we face racism every now n than No one cares. Even though we follow all rules of fire works neighborhood always bother us. By passing resist comments and false calling fire brigade for no reason. No fire. You need to educate those illiterate Canadians who thinks they are smarter than us. Never use fire cracker and thinking it's unsafe. We used it all our life and very well aware of all precautions. More then any of you. So dont even try to reach us. Teach yourself for not to be so nossy in other community festivals if you are not celebrating. We are not bothering others for celebrating Christmas. Doing so much lighting on their house which always bothers us to drive on the road. It's distracting for drivers. Why no one raising questions on that. 😞

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2/13/2025 11:31 AM

Stop creating legislation that you can not control

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Fireworks are great if done in right quantity ! It brings joy and happiness in the family and brings community closer. Excessive fireworks is always harmful and should be controlled if could but if should not be banned !

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This is a tricky issue; fireworks bring happiness, joy and community. But they also do huge damage to animals and nature. The cost is not worth the short term pleasure.

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More of a problem in last couple of years no respect for people trying to sleep and people's pets setting them off at all hours of the night ! Notice a lot more people setting off on their property which is completely unsafe and no respect for the safety of peoples property.

Optional question (1902 response(s), 1837 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question