

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Amend Fireworks Permit Guidelines

DATE: 12-12-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Scollin

BILL # 173-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 12-6-2022

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

Resolution to amend the Village of Saranac Lake's clean up guidelines for fireworks permit requesters

MOVED BY: Scollin      SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

no

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes



**RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC  
LAKE'S CLEANUP GUIDELINES FOR FIREWORKS PERMIT  
REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake's Cleanup Guidelines for Fireworks Permit Requests are designed to support understanding of post-fireworks clean up expectations for fireworks permit holders, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees hereby implements the Village of Saranac Lake's Cleanup Guidelines for Fireworks Permit Requests.



## **Cleanup Guidelines for Fireworks Permit Requests**

Fireworks displays are iconic community events, but also cause pollution in the form of debris. The cleaning up of fireworks debris resulting from your event is mandatory and the responsibility of the fireworks permit holder, to prevent land and/or water pollution.

The following guidelines are designed to assist you in understanding expectations for cleanup after your event. These guidelines are not intended to encompass safety regulations. *You must follow all safety regulations specified in your Village of Saranac Lake fireworks permit and your fireworks vendor's contract, as applicable.*

- Whenever possible, please choose the most environmentally friendly fireworks materials available from your fireworks vendor. Fireworks debris is comprised of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable materials. To assist with processing your application, please submit a letter from your fireworks vendor stating that the product(s) being utilized are the most environmentally friendly product(s) available. As a permit holder, you are required to clean up all reasonably accessible debris resulting from your fireworks display, whether biodegradable or non-biodegradable.
- Please launch your fireworks from an easily accessible location that facilitates effective cleanup of fireworks debris. From March 1 to December 30 of every calendar year, fireworks should be launched from land at least 20 feet from any shoreline. Please note that this seasonal shoreline setback recommendation pertains to water pollution reduction measures only – not safety setbacks. You must prioritize all safety setbacks related to people, property, and overhead obstructions, as applicable, and as outlined in your Village fireworks permit and your fireworks vendor's contract.

- A \$250.00 refundable deposit is required to ensure the launch site is cleaned up after your fireworks display. It is your responsibility to clean up your launch site and the surrounding area and make a good faith effort to reasonably remove all resultant debris within 24 hours of your fireworks display. You might consider utilizing the following cleanup tools:
  - Leaf rakes (metal garden/rock rakes are not nearly as effective)
  - Leaf bags and/or heavy-duty contractor bags
  - Snow shovels (the wider, the better)
  - Work gloves
  
- Village staff will perform an inspection of your launch site and the surrounding area in the days following your fireworks display. If the launch site and surrounding area are reasonably free of fireworks debris, your deposit will be refunded to you. If your launch site and the surrounding area are not reasonably free of fireworks debris, you will forfeit your deposit.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep the Village of Saranac Lake clean.