

SWARTLAND MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE 28/2024/2025
FIREWORKS: HANDLE WITH CARE!

The Swartland Municipality appeals to everybody to be cautious and sensible when participating in fireworks displays or discharging shop-bought fireworks. The municipality has identified and made available designated areas where members of the public may discharge shop –bought fireworks. These sites will be closely monitored by Law Enforcement Officers.

It is illegal to discharge fireworks other than at designated sites and law enforcement authorities will have a zero-tolerance approach to those who discharge fireworks illegally. **The municipality has designated the following areas for the discharging of fireworks:**

- **Malmesbury : Westbank Sportsground and Illinge Lethu Soccer Fields**
- **Moorreesburg : Gene Louw Sport Grounds**
- **Darling : Gabriel Pharoah Sport Grounds**
- **Yzerfontein : 300m demarcated area at the main beach**
- **Koringberg : Open area next to Taxi-rank**
- **Riebeek Kasteel and – West: Municipal Sport Grounds**
- **Abbotsdale : Municipal Sport Grounds**
- **Kalbaskraal/Riverlands : Municipal Sport Grounds**
- **Chatsworth : Municipal Sport Grounds**

Dates and times when the discharge of fireworks may take place at the designated sites:

5 November : 10:00 till 24:00
31 December : 10:00 till 02:00
1 January : 10:00 till 24:00

The Traffic and Law Enforcement Service, together with the South African Police Services (SAPS) will conduct inspections at the demarcated areas to ensure that all safety requirements are met.

Children under the age of 16 years are not allowed by law to purchase and/or discharge fireworks without adult supervision. The municipality will not be held liable for any claim for damages that may occur from the use of fireworks.

Residents are encouraged to keep their pets indoors where possible.

According to the Fire Safety By-law no person may deal in fireworks unless-

- That person holds the required fireworks licence in terms of the Explosives Act; and
- Has written authority from the Chief Fire Officer.

Safety tips when fireworks are discharged:

- Only discharge fireworks that are bought at an accredited shop.
- Children must be supervised at all times when around fireworks.
- Do not discharge fireworks indoors.
- Only discharge fireworks at the designated sites.
- Make sure that you discharge the fireworks out of range of spectators and any car or vehicles.
- Do not try to re-ignite a “dud” as it could explode near your hands or face.
- Only light one at a time.
- Do not make your own fireworks.
- Only use fireworks as directed by the instructions printed on the package.
- Do not light fireworks inside any type of container.
- Never discharge fireworks whilst under the influence of intoxicating substances.

In case of violation and conviction of the by-law relating to the handling of fireworks, a fine (R1 000) or imprisonment (12 months) or both can be imposed and your fireworks will be forfeited.

The telephone numbers to call to report any incident or the illegal sale of fireworks is **022-487 9411** or **022-487 9400**

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