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CONSUMER FIREWORK USE: PRACTICE EXTREME CAUTION

Due to the extremely dry conditions plaguing southeastern Michigan, the Northville Township Fire Department warns all residents on the use of consumer fireworks. The Northville Township Fire Department does not recommend the use of consumer fireworks and requests that fireworks are left to the professionals. The Township will follow any county or statewide guidance on the use of fireworks, but at this time a fireworks ban is not in place. The current Fire Danger in our area has reached the Extreme level. Extreme is the highest fire danger level as rated by the DNR and the United States Forest Service. This is the most dangerous rating which causes fires to start easily, spread quickly and burn intensely making them difficult to control and extinguish. Any use of consumer fireworks can be extremely dangerous and the dry conditions increase that hazard.

Northville Township prohibits the ignition or discharge of consumer fireworks at all times (67-42). However, consumer fireworks are permitted in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (Act 256). If you are planning to discharge fireworks you must comply with the following requirements of the act:

- Consumer fireworks are only permitted to be used the day before, the day of and the day after a federal holiday. Fireworks on any other day are not permitted.
- Fireworks are only permitted to be used on private property under your ownership; any use of public streets, schools, churches, parks, etc. is illegal (MCL 28.462(1)).
- Fireworks are prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m. (MCL 28.457(a)).
- Any use of fireworks by a person under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited (MCL 28.462(3)).

Northville Township issued an open burning ban yesterday, June 30, and that will remain in effect until further notice. The department will continue to monitor the conditions and provide additional guidance if necessary. Please remember that you are responsible for any fire that you start.

For questions, please contact Fire Inspector Tom Hughes at thughes@twp.northville.mi.us or at (248) 348-5807.