

It's very dry in northern Michigan. Does that raise concerns about fireworks?

YES! In an average year, there are more fires on the Fourth of July than any other day in the year, **with a third of those fires caused by fireworks.**

The world all around is getting hotter and drier, which is a particular worry in heavily wooded areas in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

Thus, fireworks can be temporarily banned on a county basis under certain weather conditions. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the state fire marshal and the head of the Department of Natural Resources all have the authority to ban fireworks use due to dry conditions.