

CITY OF TOLEDO



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

May 10, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Guadalupe Ruiz
2371 Townley Road
Toledo, OH 43614

RE: Warning Letter – Open Burning

Dear Mr. Ruiz:

On May 1, 2007, the Toledo Division of Environmental Services received a complaint regarding open burning of landscape waste at your residence at 2371 Townley Road. Although the fire observed at your residence during our investigation on May 1st was of appropriate size, some grass was included with the wood fuel and the fuel being used appeared to be damp. Open burning of landscape waste is prohibited in a restricted area by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19. The law permits fires with a fuel area less than three feet wide and two feet high using clean, dry fuel, such as seasoned firewood, for purposes other than waste disposal in a restricted area. These purposes include cooking, pleasure, religious observance, ceremony, warmth and recreation.

If open burning which fails to comply with the law takes place on your property in the future and is witnessed by officials from the Toledo Division of Environmental Services, enforcement action, which could include a civil penalty, will be taken. A summary of the law is enclosed for your reference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 936-3751.

Yours from Toledo – a City of the Future!*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn DuFour".

Marilyn DuFour
Environmental Specialist

* fDi Magazine-April 2007
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Enclosure

cc: Lisa Holscher, U.S. EPA, Region V
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