

# CITY OF TOLEDO



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

July 2, 2010

Ms. Terry Burton-Vaske  
51 Derbyshire  
Toledo, OH 43615

Dear Ms. Burton-Vaske:

This is to confirm in writing my findings about complaint # 229/10 regarding open burning at your residence. As contractual agent for Ohio EPA, it is our job to enforce the rules in Lucas County regarding any air quality issues. The complaint I received states that open burning occurred around June 21, 2010 with a fire in your back yard with 8 foot flames.

Upon arrival at your home, I could not determine if any burning had occurred as you were not home and your dogs were in the back yard. I did see a pile of branches/brush sitting in the back yard. I left you a green card stating I was there and an "Open Burning" brochure.

While you are allowed to use an outside fire pit, it must be the correct size of 3ft in diameter and flames are only allowed to be 2 feet high. Only clean, dry firewood is allowed to be burned. Failure to comply with these rules can result in a Notice of Violation with fines of \$250.00 per violation.

Please contact me with any questions at 419-936-3015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Pedro".

Lynn Pedro  
Sr. Environmental Specialist  
City of Toledo, Environmental Services

Cc: Karen Granata, Chief, Air Section  
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