



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

June 3, 2011

Re: Belmont County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001858

Certified: 70101060000178962457

Mr. Jeff Tucheck  
63726 Hall St.  
Bellaire, Ohio 43906-9537

Dear Mr. Tucheck:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 28, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burn waste materials in a barrel in your front yard.

On May 19, 2011, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of trash, plastics, household garbage, and other solid waste materials was observed in the barrel. I attempted to speak to you but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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