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November 16, 2009

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint

Certified: 70073020000178847916

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider
385 Hendricks St.
Newport, Ohio 45768

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schneider:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 28, 2009. The complaint alleges that leaves were burned in the area of Hendricks Street and Julian St., in Newport.

On November 3, 2009, I investigated this complaint. I found a large burn site on the corner of Julian Street and Hendricks Street, near your garden. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left a pamphlet in your front door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

To open burn residential waste such as leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (your property is not) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property is in a restricted area and the burn site is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor; therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location. Open burning of leaves and tree trimmings at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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