





**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

June 17, 2011

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001884

Certified: 70101060000178962525

Mr. Greg Black  
Black Tree Service  
140 Masonic Park Lane  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Black:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 23, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burn waste materials at the Black Tree Service facility in Devola.

On June 9, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of wood was observed near the pond between your business and your home. You explained that the pond area is used for camping and fishing. You are permitted to have campfires on your property, but the fires must be no larger than two feet in height by three feet in diameter. Some of the logs that were partially burned were too large to qualify as a campfire, and there were also some plastic jugs in the burn area. You agreed to tell the people using the pond area to keep the campfires small and told me that you would clean up the plastic jugs.

Open burning of improper waste materials (plastics) at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. The campfires must be kept to the proper size and must be attended to qualify as a campfire. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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