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Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000252
Certified: 70063450000190557389

Mr. William Corbett
105 Shady Lane
Marietta, Ohio 45750-9330

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning brush in your backyard near the creek and the burn pile was left to smolder over night.

In June of 2007, I contacted you in regard to the open burning of wood from a deck that you had torn off of your house. I left a pamphlet in your door and spoke to you by phone to explain that this type of burning was not permitted in Ohio. Treated lumber, demolition debris, construction debris, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

On May 6 and 16, 2008 I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation on either date. I spoke to you by phone on May 16, 2008 in regards to this complaint. You told me that you had a cookout. A cookout and/or campfire must be no larger than two feet high by three feet wide and use only clean, seasoned fire wood. During our phone conversation, we both agreed that this fire was larger than two feet high by three feet wide. It also appears that brush was burned instead of or with fire wood.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. To open burn residential waste such as brush, tree trimmings, leaves, etc., the fire must be located in an area that is at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. There is not a location on your property that would meet this requirement. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials on this property, legal action may be taken against you. Please be sure to use only clean, seasoned fire wood for your cookouts and put the fire out when the cookout is over.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
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