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Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000873

Resident
1115 Schalagel Dr.
Zanesville, Ohio 43701-1169

Dear Resident:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 1, 2009. The complaint alleges that you were open burning yard wastes, leaves and tree trimmings on your property.

On May 18 and May 21, 2009, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your front door. To open burn residential waste such a paper, leaves, tree trimmings, brush, etc., you must live in an unrestricted area and be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. An unrestricted area is defined as an area one mile outside the city limits if the city has a population of 10,000 or more. I am not sure if your property is one mile outside the city limits, but there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, residential waste cannot be open burned on this property. You may have cookouts or campfires as long as the fire is less than two feet high by three feet wide and only clean, dry wood is burned. You cannot burn wood that is pressure treated, painted or varnished.

The open burning of residential waste on your property is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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