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Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001440

Mr. Mark Salsbury
2735 Deer Path Rd.
Duncan Falls, Ohio 43734-9734

Dear Mr. Salsbury:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 16, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burned trash and garbage in the woods behind your home.

On June 23, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you had burned some yard wastes, tree limbs, etc. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as tree trimmings, limbs, leaves, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (which yours is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. The burn site in the woods is not 1,000 feet from your neighbor. If there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, then you cannot open burn residential waste at this location. You may have a cookout or campfire using clean, dry wood and there is no distance requirement for a campfire, but the campfire must be no larger than two feet high by three feet in diameter. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule when I was at your home.

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 AOC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location, legal action may be taken against you.

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
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