



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

June 25, 2012

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002387

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Harlow  
5395 Center Road  
Philo, Ohio 43771

Dear Mr. and Mrs.:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 11, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn trash in a barrel at your home.

On June 20, 2012, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash and other residential waste materials was observed in a barrel that was  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of ash. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

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. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, 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  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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