



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

July 5, 2012

**Re: Morgan County
Open Burning
Complaint**

Ms. Brenda Jordan
740 N. Pascal Road
Malta, Ohio 43758

Dear Ms. Jordan:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 25, 2012. The complaint alleges that tires, wire and furniture were burned in your front yard.

On June 28, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to your son, Floyd Jordan. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, cans, bottles, furniture, tires, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave Floyd a pamphlet 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. If 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.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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 OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If the open burning of improper waste materials continues 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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