



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

July 19, 2012

Re: Guernsey County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002452

Mr. Rusty Wheeler  
14979 Old Glory Road  
Lore City, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 29, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn trash, garbage and other wastes at you home.

On July 11, 2012, I investigated this complaint. You have a block fire ring in your backyard. The fire ring was filled with tree branches and limbs that had fallen in the recent storm. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

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.

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 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule.

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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