

Air Pollution Control Division



APC Contractual Representative
Serving All of Stark County

Canton City Health Department

420 Market Avenue North • Canton, Ohio • 44702-1544
(330) 489-3385 • Fax: (330) 489-3335

Daniel J. Aleman, P.E., MBA
APCD Administrator

James M. Adams, MPA
Health Commissioner

CERTIFIED MAIL

September 22, 2009

Ms. Candice Cain
1219 Lawrence Rd NE
Canton, OH 44705-1151

Re: INFORMATIONAL LETTER, OPEN BURNING

Dear Ms. Cain:

The Canton City Health Department, Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) represents the Ohio EPA in air quality matters within Stark County. As such, APCD employees are charged with the responsibility to investigate and enforce Ohio EPA (OEPA) air pollution regulations.

On Friday, September 11, 2009, I was at your residence and we discussed the prohibition of open burning of residential waste. I observed a burn ring for open fires and at the time of my visit observed no evidence of Ohio EPA open burning violations.

However, I do have reports from the Fire Department of past incidences of illegal burning:

- 8/23/09, Truck 9 reported open burning, which Dave extinguished at 2231 hours.
- 9/3/09, Truck 9 again reported an unauthorized burn. All OK at 2009 hours.

Please be aware that the Ohio EPA can fine you \$250 per occurrence. Also please be aware that the Ohio EPA will use these fire department records (and others if they are available) for enforcement actions. This means that the next illegal fire will constitute at least the third violation.

Please ensure that your future recreational fires are in compliance with both Ohio EPA regulations and the Canton City Recreational Ordinance. There should be no odor other than that of wood burning and there should not be any appreciable smoke. Further violations make enforcement action a very real possibility. I enclose copies of the relevant regulations.

Sincerely,


Gregory A. Clark, CHMM, CAHES
Air Pollution Control Engineer

Enclosure: OAC Rule 3745-19-03; OAC Rule 3745-19-06, Canton Recreational Ordinance;
Canton Fire Dept Recreational Fire Application Form

cc: Addressee via First Class Mail
Chief Steven Rich, Canton Fire Dept., 110 7th Street S.W., Canton, OH 44702
Correspondence File
Complaints, Open Burn, Residential, McKinley Township
GA Clark

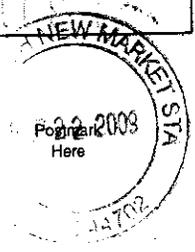
U.S. Postal Service™
CERTIFIED MAIL™ RECEIPT

(Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)

For delivery information visit our website at www.usps.com.

7009 0080 0002 0413 1902

Postage	\$
Certified Fee	2.80
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)	2.30
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Total Postage & Fees	\$ 5.71



Sent To MS. CANDICE CAIN
 Street, Apt. No.,
 or PO Box No. 1219 LAWRENCE RD NE
 City, State, ZIP+4 CANTON, OH 44705-1151

PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

MS. CANDICE CAIN
 1219 LAWRENCE RD NE
 CANTON, OH 44705-1151

2. Article Number
 (Transfer from service label)

7009 0080 0002 0413 1902

PS Form 3811, February 2004

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M-1540

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent
 C. Cain Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Cain C. Date of Delivery 9-24-08

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

3745-19-03 Open burning in restricted areas.

[Comment: For dates of non-regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, federal rules, and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see the last paragraph of rule 3745-19-01 of the Administrative Code titled "Incorporation by reference."]

(A) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in a restricted area except as provided in paragraphs (B) to (D) of this rule or in section 3704.11 of the Revised Code.

(B) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes **without notification to or permission** from the Ohio EPA:

(1) Heating tar, welding, acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots and similar occupational needs.

(2) Bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:

(a) They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;

(b) They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and

(c) They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

(3) Disposal of hazardous explosive materials, military munitions or explosive devices that require immediate action to prevent endangerment of human health, public safety, property or the environment and that are excluded from the requirement to obtain a hazardous waste permit pursuant to paragraph (D)(1)(d) of rule 3745-50-45 of the Administrative Code.

(4) Recognized training in the use of fire extinguishers for commercial or industrial fire prevention.

Fires allowed by paragraphs (B)(1), (B)(2), and (B)(4) of this rule

- **shall not be used for waste disposal purposes and**
- **shall be of minimum size sufficient for their intended purpose;**
- **the fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.**

(C) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes with **prior notification** to the Ohio EPA in accordance with paragraph (B) of rule 3745-19-05 of the Administrative Code:

(1) Prevention or control of disease or pests, with written or verbal verification to the Ohio EPA from the local health department, cooperative extension service, Ohio department of agriculture, or U.S. department of agriculture, that open burning is the only appropriate disposal method.

(2) Bonfires or campfires used for ceremonial purposes that do not meet the requirements of paragraph (B)(2) of this rule, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) They have a total fuel area no greater than five feet in diameter by five feet in height and burn no longer than three hours;

(b) They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and

(c) They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood.

(3) Disposal of agricultural waste generated on the premises if the following conditions are observed:

(a) The fire is set only when atmospheric conditions will readily dissipate contaminants;

(b) The fire does not create a visibility hazard on the roadways, railroad tracks, or air fields;

(c) The fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from any inhabited building not located on said premises;

(d) The wastes are stacked and dried to provide the best practicable condition for efficient burning; and

(e) No materials are burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products.

(D) Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes upon **receipt of written permission** from the Ohio EPA, in accordance with paragraph (A) of rule 3745-19-05 of the Administrative Code, provided that any conditions specified in the permission are followed:

(1) Disposal of ignitable or explosive materials where the Ohio EPA determines that there is no practical alternate method of disposal, excluding those materials identified in paragraph (B)(3) of this rule;

(2) Instruction in methods of fire fighting or for research in the control of fires as recognized by the State fire marshal division of the Ohio department of commerce and the guidelines set forth in the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) publication 1403: "Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, Chapter 4, Acquired Structures", provided that the application required in paragraph (A)(1) of rule 3745-19-05 is submitted by the commercial or public entity responsible for the instruction;

(3) In emergency or other extraordinary circumstances for any purpose determined to be necessary by the director and performed as identified in the appendix of this rule. If deemed necessary, the open burning may be authorized with prior oral approval by the director followed by the issuance of a written permission to open burn within seven working days of the oral approval;

(4) Recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range, or wildlife management practices; and

(5) Fires and/or pyrotechnic effects, for purposes other than waste disposal, set as part of commercial film-making or video production activities for motion pictures and television.

3745-19-06 Open burning unilateral order.

(A) The director may assess and collect administrative penalties from any person who violates any of the rules in this chapter. Through unilateral orders, the director may assess a violator not more than two hundred-fifty dollars per day for each separate violation of the rules in this chapter for open burning on residential property and not more than one thousand dollars per day for each separate violation of the rules in this chapter for open burning on industrial, commercial, institutional, or municipal property. Commercial property includes construction sites, including, but not limited to, the construction of residential homes, if the sites are not properly permitted under section 3704.11(C) of the Revised Code. A separate violation is assessed for each day (24-hour period) the violation occurs.

(B) The director's authority under paragraph (A) of this rule is in addition to, and not in limitation of, the director's authority under section 3704.06 of the Revised Code to request the attorney general to initiate legal action to seek penalties of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars for each day of each violation for the violation of rules in this chapter.

1513.01 DEFINITION AND EXEMPTION.

(a) Definition. "Recreational fire" is defined for the purpose of this chapter as an outdoor fire burning seasoned dry firewood for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. (Ord. 236-2007. Passed 12-10-07.)

(b) Exemption. A small fire contained in a non-commercial clean burning enclosed cooking apparatus, commonly known as a grill, which is fueled by charcoal, propane or natural gas or similar material is exempt from the application requirement prescribed in Section 1513.02. (Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

1513.02 APPLICATION, LOCATION, MATERIAL, SIZE AND DURATION.

(a) Application. Application for approval of recreational fires shall be verbally submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least forty-eight (48) hours before the fire is set. If a recreational fire is planned for a weekend or holiday, notification shall be given by 4:00 p.m. Friday or by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day before the holiday. The following information shall be provided at the time the approval is requested:

- (1) The purpose of the fire;
- (2) The nature and quantities of the material to be burned;
- (3) The date, time and duration of the fire;
- (4) The location; and
- (5) The fire-extinguishing equipment to be provided.

(b) Location. The location of the fire shall not be less than twenty-five (25) feet from any structure. (Ord. 236-2007. Passed 12-10-07.)

(c) Material. The material shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, consist only of seasoned dry firewood and be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.

(d) Size and Duration. A recreational fire shall not be more than 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. in dimension and shall not be permitted to burn longer than three (3) hours, unless approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau. All recreational fires shall be extinguished by 11:00 p.m.

(e) Attendance. A recreational fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. Approved extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate utilization at all times. (Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

1513.03 PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING.

(a) No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning except as provided in Section 1513.02.

(b) If a recreational fire creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, the Fire Department shall order the property owner or person having control to extinguish the fire. If the property owner or person having control refuses, the Fire Department will extinguish the fire.

(c) If the fire is not a recreational fire which has been approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau, or any other form of open burning for which a permit has been issued by the Air Pollution Control Division of the Canton Health Department, it shall be extinguished and reported to the Air Pollution Control Division of the Canton Health Department. (Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

1513.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the requirements or provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (Ord. 207-2001. Passed 9-24-01.)

Recreational Fire

Application for a permit for a recreational fire shall be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau, 1111 North 1st Street, Room 101, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The permit is valid for one year. The permit is valid for one year. The permit is valid for one year.

Name of Person Having Fire: _____ Phone: _____

Address & Location of Fire: _____

Purpose of Fire: _____

Today's Date: _____ Date of Recreational Fire: _____

Time of Fire: _____ a.m./p.m. through _____ a.m./p.m.

***** Note: Recreational Fires are not permitted to burn longer than three (3) hours, unless approved in advance by the Fire Prevention Bureau, and shall be extinguished by 11:00 PM**

Type of Material to be Burned: _____

***** Note: Only seasoned, dry fire wood may be used. Construction materials cannot be burned!!**

Size: A recreational fire shall not be more than 2 ft. x 2ft. x 2 ft. in dimension

Check type of extinguishing material/equipment that will be on hand at all times:

_____ Fire Extinguisher _____ Garden Hose _____ Sand

Attendance: A recreational fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished!

Location: Fire may not be within fifty (50) feet of any structure

Application Taken By
