

Air Pollution Control Division

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CERTIFIED MAIL October 24th, 2007

Address: 167 Saratoga AVE NW Canton, OH 44708

Re: Open Burning

Dear: Mr. Fred Hughes

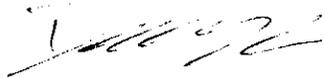
Recently, an alleged open burning was reported to the Canton City Health Department - Air Pollution Control Division, a Stark County representative for Ohio EPA-Division of Air Pollution Control. The open burning was first cited at 9:45 am on Saturday morning and lasted all of Saturday. A member from this office investigated the complaint on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 2:00pm, but was there was no one at the residence. Photographs were taken for documentation. This letter will briefly explain the requirements concerning open burning and will request your compliance with such.

Because you are located in a restricted area, open burning is prohibited except for very specific and minimal allowances with special conditions. Please see the enclosed Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") rule 3745-19-03. Any open burning on your property will be a violation of this regulation if all requirements are not met (i.e. cookout fires cannot be used for waste disposal purposes, waste disposal fires cannot be justified by attempting to cook over them, proper and complete notification needs to be made in specific circumstances, etc.). **Bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment are to be fueled with clean, seasoned firewood.** Freshly cut "green" wood can be up to 45% water. Green wood is difficult to start, doesn't give much heat, and **smokes a lot**, creating creosote buildup in your chimney. At the other extreme, super-dry wood burns too hot and fast and gives off a lot of sparks. Well-seasoned firewood is "just right" with about 20-25% moisture. This Agency therefore requests the ceasing of all such illegal fires using unseasoned firewood occurring on your property and/or being conducted by you. Please note that any further open burning violations may result in legal action by Ohio EPA or the local prosecutor's office.

If you wish to properly dispose of freshly cut branches, grass shrubs, leaves, and stumps, there is a conveniently located recycling station located in Perry Township at 5075 Southway ST. SW. There are also many others located throughout Stark County. Enclosed are the open burning regulations for your information, and locations of yard waste collection sites.

This Agency would appreciate your cooperation with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the open burning regulations, please contact me at (330) 489-3385.

Sincerely,



Denny Tan
APCD Staff Field Inspector II

Enclosure: (1) OAC rule 3745-19-03
(2) Location of yard waste collection sites

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