

Air Pollution Control Division

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April 20, 2007

Mr. Cory Fair
916 3rd Street, S.W.
Canton, OH 44707-4577

Re: INFORMATION RELATING TO OPEN BURNING IN RESTRICTED AREAS

Dear Mr. Fair:

This office is in receipt of a report indicating that the Canton Fire Department was called to your outdoor fire on the evening of April 10, 2007. Many times citizens, unknowingly, violate open burning regulations because they are unaware of their existence. Your fire might have been in violation of Ohio EPA regulations and the Canton City ordinance regarding recreational fires. This letter is to make you aware of these regulations/ordinances.

According to Ohio EPA, you live in a restricted area. Ohio EPA does permit certain kinds of recreational fires in restricted areas. Please note the Ohio Administrative Code that follows:

Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19-03 (B): Open burning shall be allowed for the following purposes without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA:

(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.

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However, be advised that the city has a recreational fire ordinance that is more restrictive than the Ohio EPA regulations. The city does not allow open burning for purposes other than cooking food for human consumption. Except for common barbeque grills, the city requires verbal application made to the local fire department in your area at least 48 hours prior to the time the fire is set. You do this by calling the Canton Fire Department at (330) 489-3400. There are city restrictions on the locations, size, fuel, and duration of the fire. Enclosed is a copy of Canton City Ordinance 15 13 on Recreational Fires. Also enclosed is a copy of the form that the fire department will fill out when you call in your verbal application to them. You might find this helpful as a guide to facilitate the process.

By copy of this letter to the listed owners of the property, they are advised that property owners are responsible for open burning violations through the actions of their tenants.

This letter is identical to one sent by Certified Mail, postmarked April 12, 2007, and returned to this office as undeliverable.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures: 1. Canton Ordinances 15 13. 01, .02, .03, and .99.00
2. Recreational Fire information form

cc: Randall and Jean S. Howard, 916 3rd St. SW, Canton OH 44707-4577
Chief Steven J. Rich, Canton Fire Department, 110 Seventh St. SW, Canton OH 44702