



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

October 20, 2011

Re: Gallia County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002087

Mr. and Mrs. Jones  
107 Graham St.  
Bidwell, Ohio 45614-9236

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 7, 2011. The complaint alleges that trash, garbage and house siding were burned in your backyard.

On October 13, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to your son. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, construction or demolition waste materials, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as cardboard, leaves, tree trimmings, paper, 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 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I left a pamphlet in your front door explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, 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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