



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

March 23, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002248

Ms. Carla Weppler
1353 Goose Run Road
Marietta, Ohio

Dear Ms. Weppler:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 8, 2012. The complaint alleges that you are burning trash in your outdoor wood burner.

On March 13, 2012, I investigated this complaint. I could not verify the allegation of burning trash in your wood burner. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage, furniture and other solid waste materials was observed on the ground next to the driveway. You were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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. Furniture, garbage, plastics, etc. cannot be open burned in Ohio.

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. 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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Cc: Bruce Weinberg-DAPC