



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

March 15, 2012

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002243

Mr. and Mrs. Roach  
11290 Maysville Williams Road  
Logan, Ohio 43138

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Roach:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 6, 2012. The complaint alleges that trash and plastics are being burned at your home on Maysville Williams Road, Logan.

On March 9, 2012, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation. A burn barrel was observed on the property. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. I spoke to you, Mr. Roach, later in the day by phone. You told me that you recycle most of your waste materials, you do not use landfills, and that you burn some waste materials in your burn barrel.

Please note that plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. 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. Your burn barrel does not appear to be 1,000 feet from your neighbor's home. If 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.

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 at this location, 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,

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