

**MAHONING-TRUMBULL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

*A Division of the Youngstown City Health District*

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September 15, 2011

Tom Knoedler  
14775 S. Secrist Rd.  
Salem, Ohio 44460

Re: Open Burning Letter of Warning

Certified: 701007800001078638923

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler:

On September 14, 2011, the Mahoning-Trumbull Air Pollution Control Agency (M-TAPCA) conducted an inspection of the property located at 14775 S. Secrist Rd. Salem, Ohio. (Mahoning County). The inspection was done in response to numerous complaints for open burning of unseasoned wood, leaves, twigs, branches, and stumps. At the time of inspection a large stump was observed in a burn pile greater than three feet wide. Please be advised that this material is classified as residential waste in an unrestricted area per the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19-01. OAC 3745-19-04 states that disposal of residential waste generated on the premises may only be burned if the fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from ANY inhabited building not located on the said premises. Since you do not meet this requirement you are not permitted per the Ohio Administrative Code to burn leaves, brush, or other residential waste.

A wood stack no larger than 2 feet high by 3 feet wide in the form of a barbeque, campfire or cookout consisting of clean seasoned firewood or equivalent is the only acceptable type of fire permitted under the Ohio Administrative open burning regulations at this location.

**Please be advised you are in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19-04. It is recommended by this agency that the all open burning of residential waste materials cease immediately to prevent future action.**

**Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19-06(A) provides that the director of Ohio EPA may assess and Collect, through unilateral orders, civil penalties of not more than one thousand dollars per day for each separate violation of the open burning rules that occurs on industrial, commercial, institutional or municipal property.**

Be advised that this warning letter does not constitute a waiver of MTAPCA's ability to pursue further enforcement action through Ohio EPA concerning this or any other violations or to seek penalties as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3704.

Enclosed is a copy of Ohio's Open Burning Standards for your review. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the regulations, please contact me at (330) 743-3333 extension 280.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Dezi".

Richard Dezi, RS  
Registered Sanitarian

Cc: Open Burning file  
Tom Kalman, OHIO EPA ENFORCEMENT  
Complainant  
Goshen Fire Dept., Chief Bricker, 13991 W. South Range Rd. Salem, Oh. 44460