



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

March 7, 2013

Re: Jefferson County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002692

Mr. Gary Crihfield  
161 Valley View Ave.  
Bergholz, Ohio 43908

Dear Mr. Crihfield:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office February 13, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn household garbage, trash, cat litter and other wastes at your home.

On February 20, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you had not burned since the township was out and asked you not to burn. Evidence of the open burning of household trash, garbage and other solid waste materials was observed on the hill behind your home. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. Because you are not 1,000 feet from you nearest neighbor you also cannot burn residential wastes at this site. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

Plastics, tires, demolition or construction waste materials, garbage, or any type of waste material that is hauled to a property from another location cannot be open burned 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. 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.

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. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or  
1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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