



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Ted Strickland, Governor
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November 25, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000635

Certified: 70063450000190557488

Mr. Keith Thomas
1124 Cisler Dr.
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are burning construction and demolition wastes, trash, and plastic-coated copper wire.

On November 17, 2008, I investigated this complaint. You were not at 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. Evidence of open burning was observed to the left rear of the home. Demolition wastes, construction wastes, plastic-coated copper wire, plastics, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. No waste materials that are hauled in to a property can be open burned.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, and tree trimmings, the property must be one mile outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. This property does not appear to meet either of these requirements. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials on this property, legal action may be taken against you and the owner of the property.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 as soon as possible so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

cc: Marietta City Health Dept., 304 Putnam St., Marietta, Ohio 45750



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Ms. Debra Scott
626 Ninth St.
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Ms. Scott:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that Mr. Keith Thomas, who rents a house from you, is open burning construction and demolition wastes, trash, and plastic-coated copper wire at 1124 Cisler Dr., in Marietta.

On November 17, 2008, I investigated this complaint. Mr. Thomas was not at home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in his door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of open burning was observed to the left rear of the home. Demolition wastes, construction wastes, plastic-coated copper wire, plastics, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. No waste materials that are hauled in to a property can be open burned.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a pamphlet for you that explains Ohio's open burning rules. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, and tree trimmings, the property must be one mile outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. This property does not appear to meet either of these requirements. If you continue to allow Mr. Thomas, or any other tenant to open burn improper waste materials on your property, legal action may be taken against you as the property owner.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 as soon as possible so that we can discuss this matter.

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