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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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May 28, 2008

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000252

Certified: 70063450000190563717

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Yoho  
104 Arborgate Drive  
Marietta, Ohio 45750-9224

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Yoho:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you open burned an out building at your home.

On May 6 and May 16, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one at your home on either date. Evidence of the open burning of demolition debris was observed behind your home. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

On May 22, 2008, I spoke to you by phone to explain Ohio's open burning rules. You told me that you had burned an old storage shed and were not aware that this type of burning was not permitted.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. Demolition and construction debris cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, cardboard, etc., the burn area must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. There is nowhere on your property that is 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
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November 13, 2008

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000252  
Certified: 70063450000190557389

Mr. William Corbett  
105 Shady Lane  
Marietta, Ohio 45750-9330

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning brush in your backyard near the creek and the burn pile was left to smolder over night.

In June of 2007, I contacted you in regard to the open burning of wood from a deck that you had torn off of your house. I left a pamphlet in your door and spoke to you by phone to explain that this type of burning was not permitted in Ohio. Treated lumber, demolition debris, construction debris, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

On May 6 and 16, 2008 I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation on either date. I spoke to you by phone on May 16, 2008 in regards to this complaint. You told me that you had a cookout. A cookout and/or campfire must be no larger than two feet high by three feet wide and use only clean, seasoned fire wood. During our phone conversation, we both agreed that this fire was larger than two feet high by three feet wide. It also appears that brush was burned instead of or with fire wood.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. To open burn residential waste such as brush, tree trimmings, leaves, etc., the fire must be located in an area that is at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. There is not a location on your property that would meet this requirement. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials on this property, legal action may be taken against you. Please be sure to use only clean, seasoned fire wood for your cookouts and put the fire out when the cookout is over.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

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May 28, 2008

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000252

Certified: 70063450000190563731

Mr. Eric Knowlton  
101 Shady Lane  
Marietta, Ohio 45750-9330

Dear Mr. Knowlton:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning in your backyard near the creek.

On May 6 and May 16, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one at your home on either date. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules and a note that asked you to call me at this office. Evidence of a previous fire was observed. I have also received pictures of the fire.

On May 19, 2008, I spoke to you by phone and explained Ohio's open burning rules. Because your property is less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential wastes such as yard wastes, leaves, tree trimmings, brush, paper, etc. You assured me that you would not burn these wastes again. You are permitted to have campfires, but must use clean, seasoned fire wood only and meet the fire size requirements specified in the enclosed rule. The rule allowing cooking or campfires is not intended to be used to circumvent Ohio's open burning rules.

Open burning of this residential waste at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
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Enclosure