



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

July 8, 2013

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30003876

Ms. Karen Sharpe
9860 North State Route 93
New Straitsville, Ohio 43766

Dear Ms. Sharpe:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 12, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn tires, oil and other wastes at your home.

On June 24, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You had been recently cutting weeds and small brush from the bank at your home. Evidence of the open burning of wood, weed and leafy green vegetation was observed. I did not see any evidence of the burning of tires or oil.

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. You will need to move your residential wastes to an area that is 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building off your property to burn them. 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 residential wastes in a location that is not 1,000 feet from neighboring inhabited structures is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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