



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

July 1, 2013

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002872

Mr. Matthew Cocks
12657 Good Drive
Logan, Ohio 43138

Dear Mr. Cocks:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 10, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn your household trash in the backyard.

On June 24, 2013, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your door.

Plastics, furniture, demolition or construction waste materials, garbage, etc., 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. Because 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. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. 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.

Mr. Matthew Cocks
Hocking County, Open Burning
July 1, 2013
Page 2

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" and "D".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

LD/cs