



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

July 1, 2013

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002891

Mr. Leroy Beach
3848 Arch Hill Road
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Beach:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 21, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn several bags of trash per week at your home.

On June 26, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mr. Beach. You told me that you separate out the recyclables, take the plastic to town to dispose of and burn the other wastes in a barrel. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere 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. Your burn barrel is not 1,000 feet from your neighbor's home. 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. 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 continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you.

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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