



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

July 9, 2013

Re: Ross County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002920

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Storts
91 Page Road
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Storts:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 21, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn wood in your yard.

On July 1, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to both of you. Tree limbs and some greenery were being burned at the time of my investigation. I explained at that time, to burn residential wastes such as leaves, tree trimmings, grass, etc. the property must be in an unrestricted area (as your property appears to be) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building off your property. Because there is not an area on your property that is 1,000 feet from your neighbors' homes you cannot burn residential wastes on this property. I gave you pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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.

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.

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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