



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

November 2, 2012

Re: Belmont County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002576

Ms. Stacy Heathcote and Mr. Justin Legowski  
54618 Sunny Acres Road  
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Dear Ms. Heathcote and Mr. Legowski:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office October 11, 2012. The complaint alleges that pine trees that were cut from your property are being burned.

On October 17, 2012, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of pine limbs 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 at this property.

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.

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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