



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

November 2, 2012

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002544

Certified: 70102780000197061630

Ms. Margaret Murphy
2431 Highland Road
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am writing this letter in response to complaints received by this office on September 14 and October 29, 2012. The complaints allege that you burn household trash in a barrel at your home.

On September 24, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of open burning was observed in a barrel at your home. 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. The burn barrel on your property is not 1,000 feet from the nearest 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. 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.

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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 cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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