



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

November 26, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002588

Mr. and Mrs. Slider
1745 Bender Road
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Slider:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office October 18, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burned brush close to neighboring homes.

Ohio EPA received a similar complaint in April of 2012. On May 8, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Ms. Slider. I did not see evidence of burning at that time. You did have a pile of unburned tree trimmings across the creek from your home.

On October 21, 2012, I investigated the most recent complaint and spoke to both of you. You told me that you had burned some wood from trees downed on your property while having a campfire across the creek.

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. 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 tree limbs, trimmings etc. for waste disposal purposes at this location would be in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04. Burning a small fire for a cookout or campfire is permitted.

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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