



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

August 26, 2013

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002967

Certified: 70122920000138147113

Ms. Charlotte Leonard
53289 Marietta Road
Pleasant City, Ohio 43772

Dear Ms. Leonard:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office July 29, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn trash, household wastes and garbage at your home.

On August 7, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you burn papers in your burn barrel. As I explained at that time, to burn residential wastes such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building off of your property. I measured the distance from your burn barrel to your neighbors home and it was less than 1,000 feet. Evidence of the open burning of paper and garbage was observed in the barrel. Plastics and garbage cannot be burned anywhere in Ohio.

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. 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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