



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

October 8, 2013

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30003066

Mr. Patrick Simpson  
30060 Blosser Road  
Logan, Ohio 43138

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office September 23, 2013. The complaint alleges that you frequently burn wastes at your home.

On September 27, 2013, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood and tree trimmings 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 in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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. It appears that your neighbors are less than 1,000 feet from the burn pile behind the garage. 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 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.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Duvall', is written over the typed name.

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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