



DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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A complaint was received on February 6, 2024, by this agency regarding alleged open burning at 1497 Arbor Acres Ave., Tontitown, AR. An investigation was completed on February 16, 2024. Please be advised of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Rule Number 18 entitled Arkansas Pollution Control Code. In specific Rule 18 section 602 which states:

“No person shall cause or permit the open burning of refuse, garbage, trade waste, or other waste material, or shall conduct a salvage operation by open burning”

DEQ strongly discourages open burning of any material. We encourage you to consider alternatives for the disposal of waste for the prevention of fire hazards, the protection of air quality in your community as well as consideration for those who live in the immediate surroundings. Local prohibitions may also exist regarding the open burning of yard waste.

Some options for alternative means of disposal of yard waste are:

- Mulch grass clippings and leave them on the ground for a healthier lawn.
- Mulch fallen leaves to use on your lawn, shrubs, and flower beds.
- Compost yard waste and add to your soil to enrich.

In addition, DEQ has an extensive website which describes other methods as well as locations to dispose of other items. The website can be found at <http://adeq.state.ar.us>. Described on the Solid Waste page of the website is information regarding opportunities and locations to take items to ensure they will be recycled versus being placed in a landfill. Such as:

- The locations of permitted facilities that can accept old tires.
- Where and how to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste such as paint, herbicides, pesticides, paint, car oil etc.
- Maps to locate which permitted landfill is closest and what classification the landfill is, which determines what types of material they can accept.

Check with your solid waste hauler or local sanitation department to see if a yard waste collection program or a drop-off program is available to you. Please do your part to help protect the environment of Arkansas.

Should further incidents be validated regarding open burning, that incident as well as any other information pertaining to these incidents may be referred to the Office of Air Quality Enforcement Section and could result in fines of up to \$10,000 per incident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Step E. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Stephen E. Foster

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