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MARION, Ohio – January 24, 2011-

Marion Public Health wants to take advantage of what we refer to as a “teachable moment” on how we can all work together to deal with properties like the one shown in the picture. This particular property is located on the west side of our Marion community. This property is under an ongoing investigation with the health department, as well as other agencies. This resident failed to comply with orders to clean up the property resulting in the case being referred to the city law director’s office. The resident was cited into court and found guilty, fined and ordered by the Judge to have the property cleaned up. The property owner was required to clean up the property by properly disposing of the refuse at an EPA approved solid waste facility. Complaints were later received that there was a smell of burning rubber at this particular property. It was then investigated and confirmed that the property owner was burning the refuse. Marion Public Health wants to stress that it is against EPA regulations to burn trash or tires. The toxic chemicals released into the air by this type of open burning have been found to be a contributing factor in the development of certain types of cancers.

There has been an increase in these types of nuisance complaints, possibly due to the economy and people trying to find ways to save or make money. However, it is illegal to collect waste and start a dump site at a residence and it is a nuisance to the neighborhood residents in that all the junk provides harborage and is an attractant for rodents, insects and vermin. It can also be a fire hazard. The tires hold water and are breeding sites for disease-causing mosquitoes. You must be a registered hauler in Marion County to haul trash for profit. The hauler must have an inspection from the Health Department and must have his or her company name on the truck with a phone number. You must be a registered scrap tire hauler to haul more than 10 scrap tires. It is illegal to take money to dispose of tires from someone and then place them in a yard or a vacant property. If you see any illegal collecting and/or disposing of tires we ask you get the license plate number of the vehicle and call the health department or police department to file a report.

If you know someone or see someone involved in any of these illegal activities, please contact Marion Public Health at 387-2875 with the information as soon as possible and we will follow up on your report. You may remain anonymous. Marion Public Health remains committed to keeping our community as healthy and safe as possible.

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