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Let me see if I can make this statement in a clear not so lengthy manor of my experience with a neighbor with an OWB. He lives 2 doors away from me and installed one approximately 15 years ago. He started burning household trash immediately, even in summer. Neither I no other neighbors near by were able to enjoy our back yards or hang laundry anymore because of his selfish inconsiderate actions. A petition started around the neighborhood of complaint and they neighbors in the house between us took him to court. He Had been able to observe from his upstairs bedroom windows, this man tossing the big green plastic trash bag in the furnace more then once. At one time, he even caught the grass on fire next to it, and since he got it in just under the regulations of allowable distance from other existing structures. He was not held liable. But my neighbor did take him to court and won his case against him for burning trash and he was told he could only burn clean untreated wood. Not long after, this neighbor moved and the trash burning began again. But before he moved he had given me the court order he had because he felt the neighbor would be right back at burning again at first chance he got. Sure enough; He was! I called environmental protection, air pollution control fire dept, police dept's for years and got nowhere. Finally last year in total frustration I called on a local house of represent ave to see if he could help me. HE DID. He finally got someone attention to my plight and got a stop put to the garbage burning. But no before it has taken a tole on my health. I have COPD. Have spent the last few years with pneumonia and bronchitis over and over, and been taken to the hospital for treatments over and over. Five antibiotics a winter, is not a healthy person. Sometimes I would let my dog outside and when she wanted in she stunk so bad of garbage burning fumes I hated to let her back in. He stopped the garbage burning habit in my

neighborhood, but I no he still does it. He has relatives that have an OWB and I actually followed him to there house once after I see him load his trash, just to see what he did with it. I have spoken to the local code inforcement heath officer about this and he said they are working on getting that OWB into regulations also because they are aware of it. It would seem, that people with them pick up some bad habits just because they can. They burn asphalt shingles and old siding off the house that dates back over a hundred years and you no contains lead paint. I could go on and on but I just now realized today is the last day for me to get a comment in so I best get this off to you.

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