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I purchased a Mahoning outdoor wood boiler and installed it myself in the spring of 2009. My electric consumption has been greatly reduced by this addition and our oil furnace never has to fire. These two facts alone should hold some weight with the ever-increasing and sometimes invasive green movement.

I took into consideration such things as normal wind direction for my property when planning my installation. Even though I have seven acres, I talked to my neighbors and told them all how it operates and what I intend to do to make it as efficient and clean burning as it can be. I only burn seasoned wood, not green, wet wood which results in less smoke. I chose a model of owb with a forced air draft system which fires the boiler with a blower to allow for faster heat cycles and less smoldering and thus, less smoke. My electric water heater has been shut off since firing the boiler because the boiler makes all my hot water for me. I am currently in the process of adapting our clothes dryer to operate off of the heat from the boiler which will greatly reduce my electric consumption again.

I understand why careless installation and operation (burning garbage, tires, etc) of such a boiler could be bothersome to those around me and harmful to the environment and that is why I just don't operate that way. Please don't punish myself and my family for cutting our ties with the heating oil company and for using the hard work involved in procuring wood to reduce our living expenses.

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