



Agricultural Burn Permit Application for Orchard Tear-Out

For Office Use Only
Permit #
Zone #

Do you need an agricultural burn permit? If you are tearing out orchard trees on land that is going to stay in agriculture and you wish to burn, you must get an agricultural burn permit from Ecology. You may use this application if you have orchard land within the urban growth area, are not planning on keeping your land in agriculture, and have a documented pest emergency. You do not need a permit from Ecology for the following types of burning: annual orchard prunings, organic debris along fence lines, irrigation and drainage ditches, or organic debris blown by the wind. However, even if you don't need a permit, you must still notify local fire authorities when you burn, and may not burn during an air pollution episode or any stage of impaired air quality.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide the information requested on the following pages.
2. Attach a map of the acreage you are proposing to burn (see details in Section 3).
3. Attach additional documentation as needed to include:
 - report from third party agronomic or pest expert that helps to demonstrate the need to burn
 - compliance with soil loss standards
 - additional pages as necessary
4. Calculate total acres and the fee in the space provided. **Minimum fee is \$50.00.*
5. Sign and date the application.
6. Mail the application and check for the permit fee to:

Agricultural Burning Account
Washington State Department of Ecology
PO Box 47611
Olympia, WA 98504-7611

Application must be filled out completely and correctly , and submitted with the entire permit fee, before Ecology or a delegated authority will issue a permit.

PERMIT FEE

(minimum fee is \$50.00)

Total acres requested to burn _____ X \$2.25 =

If the calculated amount in the box above is less than \$50.00, your permit fee is \$50.00.

If the calculated amount in the box above is more than \$50.00, the amount in the box is your permit fee.

Make check to: Agricultural Burning Account (or your local permitting office)

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT, OWNER, AND OPERATOR INFORMATION

Check this box if the acreage you are applying to burn is in the following Counties: Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat or Okanogan

Who is the orchardist? (Applicant)

Name: _____ Do you lease or own the land?
Business Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Shop Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Who is responsible for conducting the burn?

Same as orchardist or Contractor Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip
Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Shop Phone: _____

Who owns the property? (Optional)

Owner is same as orchardist Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip
Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ FAX (or Alt phone): _____

SECTION 2 – ORCHARD INFORMATION

2.1 Common name (how do you refer to this section of orchard?) _____

2.2 Variety of trees being removed: _____ Is this a dwarf variety? Yes No

2.3 Age of trees: _____ How many trees/acre? _____ How many acres are being removed? _____

2.4 Which Best Management Practice (BMP) are you using? (See Orchard Crops BMP Guidance Manual)

- Section 1 – Orchard Renewal Section 2 – Insect Control Section 3 – Disease Control
 Section 4 – Orchard Removal (only with signed Agronomic Professional Verification Document)
 Section 5 – Research Section 6 – Orchard Transition: Must keep land in agriculture, submit plan, not to exceed three years.

If your circumstances do not match a BMP, contact your permitting authority or Ecology.

2.5 Have the trees already been torn out? Yes No If yes, date they were torn out: _____

2.6 How soon will you be ready to burn?: _____

2.7 By when do you need to be done burning? _____

2.8 Approximately how many tons of wood per acre will you be burning? _____

2.9 How do you plan to construct the burn piles? Push trees into piles Pick up trees and place on piles

2.10 Approximately what size will the piles be? 10'high x 20'wide 15'h x 30'w 25'h x 40'w

Orchard History (last 2 years)	Acres Torn Out	Acres Burned	Acres Not Burned*
200__			
200__			

*What was done with the trees from acres that were not burned? _____

SECTION 3 – ORCHARD LOCATION

3.1 Provide the ¼ ¼, Section, Township and Range for the property where the trees are being removed and burned. If the property is located in more than one Section, Township, or Range, list each separately:

_____ ¼ _____ ¼ of Section _____, Township _____ Range _____

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3.2 Provide detailed driving directions to the tear-out and burn location, include the street address if applicable:

3.3 Attach a map providing the specific location of trees removed and location of expected burn piles. Include clearly marked **Section lines**, and Section, Township, and Range numbers.

3.4 Are any of these locations inside an urban growth area (UGA)? Yes No

3.5 Fire Department/District (name and #) _____ County: _____

SECTION 4 – ORCHARD & DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Why are the trees being torn out? _____
- 4.2 What are your plans for this acreage following the tear -out? _____
- 4.3 Describe which alternatives to burning you have tried or researched, and why you believe t hese are not effective (for example; chipping, cutting for firewood, etc.): _____
- 4.4 How do the costs of alternatives compare to the cost of burning? (provide cost estimates or comparisons) _____
- 4.5 Explain in detail why you believe burning is the neces sary method of debris disposal in this case: _____
- 4.6 How do you plan to protect the torn -out acreage from water and wind erosion? _____
- 4.7 Has the orchard been thoroughly inspected by a third party agronomic or pest expert? Yes No
If yes, what were the results of the inspection and what is your plan to manage the situation ?
(attach results)

SECTION 5 –CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Permit applicants are required to follow and obey all applicable provisions of the Washington Clean Air Act, Chapter 70.94 RCW and Chapter 173 -430 WAC, Agricultural Burning.

I certify that:

- If granted a permit, I agree to comply with the conditions contained in the perm it;
- The information provided as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- The orchard described in this application is an agricultural operation as defined in Chapter 173 -430 WAC;
- If I am demonstrating necessity to burn by use of a Best Management Practice, I have read and understand, and will follow the Best Management Practices specific to this type of burning ;
- I believe the proposed burning is reasonably necessary, and that no practical alternative exists, and;
- I grant the Department of Ecology, or its representative, access to all acreage listed on any agricultural burning permit application I submit or on any permit I am issued, including private roads or access ways under my control needed to access the listed acreage f or the purpose of investigating conditions specific to the agricultural burning permit or application.
- To the extent reasonable and consistent with carrying out the duties of the agricultural burning permitting program, you will be notified and given the option to accompany Ecology, or their duly authorized representatives, when accessing your property.

Signature of Responsible Party _____ Date _____

Mail the application, map, any supporting documentation and check for the permit fee to:

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Or to your county permitting authority

What Happens Next? Ecology will evaluate your application and determine if you have demonstrated that burning is necessary to carry out your enterprise and that no practical alternatives exist. Ecology will act on a complete application within seven days and will either send you a permit or a written explanation as to why the application was denied. If we have questions we may contact you by telephone. Permits contain specific instructions including a requirement that burning be conducted on an Ecology determined burn day. It is important to read and understand all of the permit conditions prior to lighting a fire. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your permitting authority. Your permit, if issued, will be valid until the expiration date noted on the permit.

Refund Policy: Refunds may be available if no burning or partial burning takes place. Contact your permitting authority or see the “permit conditions” section of your permit for more information.

Have questions or need help? Call Ecology, your local air authority, or your delegated permitting authority:

- In Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan Counties : call Ecology’s Central Region 509-575-2490
- In Benton County, call the Benton Clean Air Authority 509 -943-3396
- In Spokane County call the Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority 509-477-4727
- In Yakima County, call the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority 509 -834-2050
- For **all** other counties, call Ecology’s Eastern Region 509-329-3400

For more information: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/agricultural_homepage.htm