



Agricultural Burning Permits

All Agricultural Burning, other than permit-exempt burning, requires an Agricultural Burn Permit issued by Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA). Please call the YRCAA office regarding how to qualify for this kind of permit.

However, please also note that according to the provisions of an Agricultural Burn Permit, prior to initiating any agricultural burning, the responsible person must:

1. Have a valid YRCAA Agricultural Burn Permit;
2. Call the YRCAA office on the day you intend to burn, in order to:
 - a. Ensure that there is no Burn Ban currently in place;
 - b. Notify the YRCAA office that you intend to burn; and
 - c. Verbally obtain an allocation (permission to burn a certain quantity) from YRCAA for that specific day.
3. Notify either the Upper County Fire Dispatch office at (509) 248-2103, or the Lower County Fire Dispatch office at (509) 865-4202. This will minimize calls that result in Fire Department response to your burning activity.

Once allocation for the day has been assigned, according to the Agricultural Burn Permit:

1. The fire must be attended on site at all times;
2. The attending person must have a copy of the Agricultural Burn Permit on site;
3. The burning must conform to the day's allocation, i.e. quantity of material to be burned;
4. Burning must be conducted during daylight hours, 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sundown. All burning material must be allowed to burn out during that period; and
5. No prohibited materials may be included in the fire. Only dry, untreated, natural vegetation may be burned.

The above information is not a complete list of requirements. It is intended only as a help to cover the most commonly overlooked requirements of an Agricultural Burn Permit. For a complete listing of requirements, please refer to the permit and any protocol provided at the time of issue.

Please comply with the permit requirements. Violation of the permit conditions or failure to obtain a permit, either during or after the burn, may result in a civil penalty or revocation of a permit.

Exempt from Permit Agricultural Burning

Incidental agricultural burning that otherwise complies with the requirements of YRCAA Regulation and requirements of any other agency of jurisdiction is allowed without permit if the material being burned is:

1. Orchard prunings;
2. Natural vegetation along fence rows or irrigation/drainage ditches; or
3. Natural vegetation blown by wind.

Flaming of vegetative material for the purposes of killing a crop plant or killing disease or insects on the plant is not considered to be outdoor burning and is not subject to permitting, provided that:

1. The fuel for the flame is propane or similar gaseous fuel; and
2. Combustion of the plant or any other materials does not occur. Combustion of any material other than the burner fuel requires a permit.