



**Types of Burn Permits Issued by  
YRCAA  
Community Forum  
March 25, 2019**

# YRCAA Regulation 1

- **OUTDOOR BURNING** (WAC 173-425)
- **AGRICUTURAL BURNING** (WAC 173-430)

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## Section 3.03 - OUTDOOR AND AGRICULTURAL BURNING.

- **PURPOSE.** To reduce and control outdoor and agricultural burning and the resulting air pollution. (*Chaps. 173-425 & 173-430 WAC*)
- **APPLICABILITY.** Applies to all outdoor and agricultural burning on private, county, state, and federal land unless exempted or another public agency has an effective program in place for the control of outdoor and agricultural burning, and the program has been delegated in accordance with subsection 3.03I.
  1. This section applies to burning requiring a written permit, a general rule permit, or exempted from permitting.
  2. The agricultural burning portions of this section apply only to agricultural operations and government agencies with burning requirements related to agriculture.
  3. Fire fighting training fires are a type of outdoor burning, and subsections 3.03C and 3.03D are applicable unless modified or granted a limited exemption in another subsection.
  4. This section is not applicable to fire training at enclosed fire training facilities that are permitted under section 4.02.
  5. This section does not apply to silvicultural burning which is regulated by WCAA, Chap. 332-24 WAC, and the Washington state smoke management plan.

# OUTDOOR BURN PERMITS

- Residential burning. (RCW [70.94.745](#))
- Land clearing burning. (RCW [70.94.745](#))
- Storm or flood debris burning. (RCW [70.94.743](#))
- Tumbleweed burning. (RCW [70.94.745](#))
- Weed abatement fires. (RCW [70.94.650](#))
- Firefighting instruction fires. (RCW [70.94.650](#))
- Rare and endangered plant regeneration fires. (RCW [70.94.651](#))
- Indian ceremonial fires. (RCW [70.94.651](#))
- Recreational fires. (RCW [70.94.765](#))
- Other outdoor burning. (RCW [70.94.765](#))

# YRCAA Regulation 1

- Forms of Delegation for All Types of Burning
- Notification Requirements Before Burning
- Outdoor and Agricultural Burning and Wood Heater Use
- Permitted During Burn Bans
- Limited Exemptions, Types of Permitting, and Specific Requirements for All Types of Burning

**Table 3.03-1 Limited Exemptions, Types of Permitting,  
and Specific Requirements for All Types of Burning.**  
See footnotes at the end of the table.

Type of Burning	Type of Burning Permit Required a	Types of Burning Where Limited Exemptions Are Granted		
		Prohibited Areas Sub 3.03C1 (pg. 3-8) b	Hours of Burning Sub 3.03C1f (pg. 3-8) c	Prohibited Materials Sub 3.03D1a & F2b (pg. 3-9 & 3-11) d
<b>Outdoor Burning</b>				
1. Ceremonial fires	Individual	1/	1/	No
2. Fire fighting training fires				
2.1 Structural training fires				
2.11 Inside an urban growth area	Individual	Yes	Yes	2/
2.12 Outside an urban growth area	GRP No. 3.03 - 1	Yes	Yes	2/
2.2 Wildland training fires	GRP No. 3.03 - 2	Yes	Yes	No
2.3 Flammable liquid or gas training fires	GRP No. 3.03 - 3	Yes	Yes	2/
2.4 Other training fires	GRP No. 3.03 - 4	Yes	Yes	2/
2.5 Aircraft crash rescue training fires	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Land clearing fires	Individual	No	1/	No
4. Rare & endangered plant regeneration fires.	Individual	1/	1/	No
5. Recreational fires				No
5.1 Large recreational fires	GRP No. 3.03 - 5	3/	4/	
5.2 Other recreational fires	None	No	Yes	
5.3 Home barbecues	None	5/	Yes	
6. Residential	Annual	No	No	No

7. Silvicultural	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8. Storm or flood debris	Individual	1/	1/	No
9. Tumbleweed	None	No	No	No
10. Weed abatement	Individual	1/	No	No
11. Other outdoor burning 6/	Individual	1/	1/	1/

**Table 3.03-1 Limited Exemptions, Types of Permitting, and Specific Requirements for All Types of Burning - Cont'd**

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<b>Agricultural Burning</b>				
12. Fence rows and windblown vegetation	None, 7/	No	8/	No
13. Irrigation or drainage ditches	None, 7/	No	8/	No
14. Orchard management 14.1 Orchard prunings 14.2 Orchard removal	None, 7/ Individual	No	8/ 1/	No
15. Annual agricultural burning	Annual	No	No, 8/	No
16. Other agricultural burning 9/	Individual	1/	8/	1/
<b>Training Fires Not Considered Outdoor Burning</b>				
17. Fires conducted inside a fire training facility subject to a NSR approval order	None	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Footnotes for table 3.03-1:**

Yes - Limited exemption is granted.

No - Limited exemption is not granted

None - No permit is required

Individual - Individual permit required for a specific burn.

N/A - Not Applicable because the authority does not regulate this type of burning

GRP - General Rule Permit.

Annual - Annual residential or agricultural burning permit.

1/ Shall be identified in the permit issued by the authority.

2/ The burning of prohibited materials is limited to those materials and quantities needed for effective training.

3/ Nonprofit organizations are granted a limited exemption. There is no exemption for other groups or persons.

4/ A limited exemption for the hours of burning is granted, but the fire must be extinguished within three hours after the end of the event or use.

5/ Fueled only with charcoal, LP gas, natural gas, pellets, or natural fuels.

6/ Includes any type of outdoor burning not included in the table.

7/ Incidental quantities without permitting.

8/ When night burning is accepted by the ag task force (*App. A*) as a BMP (*App. B*).

9/ Includes any type of agricultural burning not included in the table

Thank you.





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## **Community Forum Meeting Summary** Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency

Community Forum

March 25, 2019

The Forum was opened at 1:00 pm.

Present were:

Jean Mendoza, Friends of Toppenish Creek  
Micaela Razo, Latino Community Fund  
Giovanni Severino, Latino Community Fund  
Steven Jones, Ph.D., YRCAA, County Representative  
Jon DeVaney, YRCAA, Member-at-Large  
Keith Hurley, YRCAA, Executive Director  
Dr. Hasan Tahat, YRCAA, Engineering Manager  
Pamela Herman, YRCAA, Records Administrator, Clerk of the Board

Executive Director Keith Hurley prompted introductions. Then he announced the topic for the community forum would be on what types of burn permits are issued by Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency (YRCAA). Mr. Hurley stated there would be a short presentation by Dr. Tahat. After which the floor would be open for questions related to the topic of the community forum. (2:14)

Dr. Hasan Tahat gave a presentation on Outdoor and Agricultural Burning. He informed everyone that YRCAA Regulations 1, Article 3, Section 3.03 and Chapters 173-425 & 173-430 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) are the rules the agency uses to regulate Outdoor and Agricultural burning. He also explained that these rules apply to all outdoor and agricultural burning, located on private, county, state, and federal land. He also stated that the purpose of issuing burn permits is to reduce and control burning which results in air pollution. (5:27)

Jean Mendoza asked for clarification on which permits are not delegated to YRCAA. She also inquired about Indian ceremonial burning permits and if they have to be issued by YRCAA. Dr. Tahat replied Silvicultural and Indian ceremonial burning are exempt and YRCAA would not issue permits. (7:23)

Jean Mendoza asked if there is a tumbleweed burning permit. Dr. Tahat replied that there currently is not. Mr. DaVaney asked Dr. Tahat to give clarification on which permits are exempt and which permits are not. Dr. Tahat answered his question by explaining Table 3.03-1 in his presentation (7:44)



Dr. Tahat continued with his presentation, discussing specific requirements and limited exemptions. Jean Mendoza inquired about Agricultural burning, specifically burning of trees that were just pulled out of the ground. She asked if there was a required waiting period before burning the trees. Dr. Tahat replied that the agency requires a minimum of 30 days of dry time to help reduce the moisture in the wood. (10:28)

Dr. Tahat concluded his presentation by reviewing residential burn permit costs and valid dates of use. He also offered information on the different locations where residential burn permits can be purchased and requirements for getting a residential permit. (17:30)

Jean Mendoza asked for clarification on what a person, who is not located in an Urban Growth Area (UGA), can or cannot burn. Dr. Tahat then explained to her what materials are prohibited to burn. Dr. Tahat also informed her that agricultural burns are also allowed inside a UGA. Agricultural burn permits are issued annually and are purchased by the ton or acreage. The permits are good for a year and permittees can add and pay for additional amounts throughout the year. (21:00)

Mr. Hurley then asked for questions (21:23)

Jean Mendoza inquired about a reward program for doing what is in the best interest for the environment, specifically with orchard burning. Her personal observations of burns on the Yakima reservation involved trees being pulled out one day then burned the next day. As an environmentalist, she felt that the preferred way would be to sell the wood. (22:04)

(Micaela Razo and Giovanni Severino, representing the Latino Community Fund, were shown into the room (23:00))

Dr. Tahat and Mr. Hurley both reiterated that YRCAA does not have jurisdiction on the Yakima reservation and are unaware of what policies are in place regarding orchard burns. Dr. Tahat mentioned since establishing a good relationship with the agricultural community, the farmers are willing to push their burning out a few extra months to maintain better air quality. (31:00)

Ms. Mendoza wanted to know how YRCAA enforced the policies for the regulation with people measuring moisture content before using wood to burn in their wood-burning stoves. Mr. Hurley replied that checking the moisture in the wood is not a requirement it is only a recommendation. He then referred Ms. Mendoza to YRCAA brochures located in the lobby as another great source of useful information. (34:26)

Micaela Razo, a representative for the Latino Community Fund inquired on what types of advertising, YRCAA uses to distribute information out to the Latino community. She also asked which type of advertising seemed successful in reaching the community. Mr. Hurley provided the different types of radio and television stations YRCAA uses to advertise. (36:00)



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Mr. DeVaney asked what constitutes the issuing of an Agricultural burn permit. Dr. Tahat explained the general requirements necessary for obtaining an Agricultural permit and Mr. Hurley also covered the difference between residential and land clearing burns. (46:55)

(Micaela Razo and Giovanni Severino, representing the Latino Community Fund left the forum. (1:04:00))

Ms. Mendoza stated her purpose for coming to the forum, is to speak for the people who are breathing the air in Yakima County. She asked if YRCAA keeps track of where and when patrols have been conducted. Mr. Hurley informed her of the general actions the agency takes when conducting patrols. He also stated that patrols are only conducted during declared burn bans and are usually conducted in both the upper and lower county. (1:22:00)

The Community Forum was ended at 2:22 pm.

# YAKIMA REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY -- ATTENDANCE ROSTER

**MEETING:** Community Air Quality Forum

**DATE:** March 25, 2019

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.

*Please Notice: Your information (name, address, phone, email, etc.) on the form will be released in the event of a public records request.*

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