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General Agricultural Burning Permit Application For Spokane County

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Background

Refer to the Agricultural Burning in Spokane County fact sheet before completing this application. Pursuant to RCW 70A.15.5090(1)(c), farmers who apply for permits must show that the setting of fires as requested is the most reasonable procedure to follow in safeguarding life or property under all circumstances or is otherwise reasonably necessary to successfully carry out the enterprise in which he/she is engaged. The applicant must demonstrate to Spokane Clean Air that burning is reasonably necessary, constitute a Best Management Practice (BMP), and no practical alternatives are reasonably available.

In structions

1. Complete This Application
   - ☐ Complete this application and attach necessary supporting information. Any inaccurate information or omissions on this form and/or failure to submit required attachments, including the fee, may result in denial of the permit.
2. Review Your Application
   - ☐ Make sure you filled-out and attached all requested information.
   - ☐ Make sure you have properly calculated and attached the application fee.
   - ☐ Sign and date the application.

   The application must be completed and signed; otherwise, this will be an incomplete application. The permit may be denied ifinformation is inaccurate and/or ifall information is not provided.
3. Return the completed forms with applicable attachments and fees to:
   - ☐ Spokane Clean Air, 1610 S. Technology Blvd. Suite 101, Spokane, WA 99224

What Happens Next?

Spokane Clean Air may contact you to arrange a field inspection. Spokane Clean Air will evaluate your application, which may include information gathered during the field visit(s) and/or obtained from other sources, to determine if you have demonstrated that burning constitutes a BMP, is necessary to carry out your enterprise, and that no practical alternatives exist. If your application is considered incomplete, you will be advised of such. Spokane Clean Air will act on a completed application within seven (7) calendar days and will send you a permit or written explanation as to why your permit to burn is denied. Your permit, if issued, will be valid for either Spring Season (January 1 – June 30) or Fall Season (July 1 – December 31).

Refund Policy

A $37.50 filing fee is non-refundable, regardless of the approval or denial of a permit. The remainder of the application fee is refundable for acreage not burned. Refer to your post season burn report for more information on refunds available for acreage not burned.

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AG # ____ _____

1. Land Owner Information

Name:	
Business Name:	
Mailing Address:	

Phone:		Cell:		Fax:	

2. Applicant Information (person completing this application)

☐ Check this box if the applicant is the same as the landowner listed in item #1	
Name:	
Business Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Check Applicable:	☐ Representing Landowner ☐ Lessee / Renter ☐ Other: _____

Phone:		Cell:		Fax:	

3. Burn Information

Complete the Burn Information Sheet on pages 5-8 for each requested burn. Multiple burns within one field may be listed on a single Burn Information Sheet if all information provided accurately represents the multiple burn areas listed for that field. Copy and attach additional Burn Information Sheets (pages 5-8 for each additional requested burn) as needed.

4. Summary of Field Burn Information (for each burn completed per item 3)

Field Reference (e.g., number, name)	Current Crop Type on Field	BMP (part or section)	Total Field Acreage[A]	Requested Burn Acreage[B]	Target Burn Date

[A] If piles will be burned, the total field acreage is based on the entire area that the residue came from.

[B] Burning may only be allowed in affected acreage versus total field acreage (e.g., management of pests, crop residue, etc.).

Total Acres Requested to Burn	
Multiplied by Per Acre Fee	x $3.75
Total Fee Due at the Time of Application	= *

*There is a $37.50 nonrefundable filing fee. Spokane Clean Air does not accept credit or debit cards.

5. Applicant Statement

As the applicant, and responsible person, you agree to all of the following:

a. You agree to follow and comply with all applicable provisions of the Washington Clean Air Act, Chapter 70A.15 RCW and Chapter 173-430 WAC, Agricultural Burning. You also agree to follow and obey all applicable provisions of Spokane Clean Air Regulation I, Article VI, Section 6.11 Agricultural Burning.

b. You certify that you are a verified commercial agricultural operation as defined in Chapter 173-430 WAC and agree to provide a copy of the most recent year's IRS schedule F form or its corporate equivalent upon request by Spokane Clean Air.

c. You certify that agricultural burning is reasonable and necessary to carry out the enterprise represented in this application, because the burning meets the criteria of the Best Management Practices and no practical alternative is reasonably available.

d. You have read, understand, and will follow the Best Management Practices you indicated are applicable for the burning you requested in this application.

e. You agree to grant the Department of Ecology (Ecology), Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority (Spokane Clean Air) or their duly authorized representative access to the acreage listed on or referenced in this application. This includes those private roads or access ways under your control that are required to obtain access to the listed acreage for evaluating any agricultural burning permit application and/or for the purpose of investigating conditions specific to any agricultural burning permit issued by Spokane Clean Air. 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 Spokane Clean Air, or their duly authorized representatives, when accessing your property.

f. If a permit is issued, you agree to comply with all conditions contained in the permit or when applicable, the amended permit.

I certify that the information provided as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand, and agree to the conditions above.

_____ _____

Signature Date

_____

Print Name

This page intentionally left blank. It may be used for providing additional information.

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Burn Information Sheet (1 of 4)

Refer to item 3 of General Agricultural Burning Permit Application. Complete pages 5-8 for each requested burn. Multiple burns within one field may be listed on a single Burn Information Sheet if all information provided accurately represents the multiple burn areas listed for that field. Copy and attach additional Field Burn Information Sheets as needed.

1	Field Reference (name, number or letter):	
2	Specific crop type (e.g., spring wheat) last harvested from the field:	
3	When was the crop harvested?	
4	Total field acreage:	
5	Number of acres to burn within field:	
6	Was residue from this field burned previously?	☐ Yes ☐ No
7	If yes, month/date/year:	
8	Average yield (circle appropriate unit)	lbs/acre (or) bushels/acre
9	Has the residue level been measured for the area requested to burn?	☐ Yes ☐ No
10	If yes, by whom?	
11	If yes, what was the average residue level?	lbs/acre
12	If yes, what does it represent? Burning is limited to affected acreage only.	☐ Entire Field ☐ Selected Spots

13 Below, indicate location of acreage to burn in the one field for which this Burn Information Sheet is being completed. List each burn area within the field individually or if applicable, list the entire field.

Acres to Burn in this Field	¼ or ½	¼ or ½	Section	Township	Range	Target Burn Date
Example: 26	NW ½	NW ¼	22	23N	25	mm/dd/yy

14 Select the applicable Cereal Grain Crops Best Management Practices (BMP) / Emission Reduction Guidance for this CEREAL GRAIN field:

For NON -CEREAL GRAIN fields, skip to question 15, below

CEREAL GRAIN

Cereal Grain	BMP Part
☐ Pest Mgmt……..	Part 5
☐ Residue Mgmt…	Part 6
☐ Research…….	Part 7
☐ Other (attach)….	Part 8

15 Select the applicable Non-Cereal Crop Best Management Practices (BMP) Guidance for this NON -CEREAL GRAIN field:

NON -CEREAL GRAIN

Non-Cereal Grain	BMP Section
☐ Farm Plan……	Section 1
☐ Insect Control…..	Section 2
☐ Disease Control...	Section 3
☐ Weed Control…..	Section 4
☐ Residue Removal.	Section 5
☐ Research……..	Section 6
☐ Renovation……..	Section 7
☐ Sufficient Time…	Section 8

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Burn Information Sheet (2 of 4)

Attach additional pages if necessary to answer the following:

16	For BMPs indicated in items 14 & 15 (previous page), have attachments been included as required (e.g., Cereal Grain BMP Part 5 – Pest Management requires identification, mapping, and documentation of pests)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
17	If Cereal Grain BMP Part 5 – Pest Management was marked on item 14 (previous page), have you attached detailed information to demonstrate to Spokane Clean Air that each of the non-burning management practices listed in the table on page 8 of the Cereal Grain BMPs are not practical alternatives (e.g., have been tried and proven unsuccessful)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
18	Is the type of burning being requested a customary practice in Spokane County?	☐ Yes ☐ No
19	If yes, please explain in detail below.	
20	Is a map attached which shows all of the following: ▪ Specific locations clearly outlined of the field or portions of the field to be burned; ▪ Section, township, and range coordinates clearly identified; ▪ Topography; ▪ Access roads (public and private); and ▪ Specific driving directions to the burn	☐ Yes ☐ No Note: NRCS farm plan aerial photo maps, FSA aerial photos, or USG 7.5 minutes maps may be used, but must include the required information.
21	Which Fire District is the field in? Note: You must notify your fire protection district and/or dispatch prior to igniting any fire.	
22	For CRP fields, a copy of the CRP Grower Support Document signed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) must be attached.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
23	Provide a detailed explanation as to why you believe burning is necessary.	

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Attach additional pages if necessary to answer the following:

24	Explain in detail how you will avoid the need to burn in the future (e.g., crop rotations and/or other field management plans).	
25	What method(s) will be used to prevent the fire from spreading to non-permitted acreage and from escaping onto the property of others?	
26	Are you aware of any circumstances Spokane Clean Air should consider in evaluating your burn request in regard to the public's interest in the environment (e.g., new housing development close to the field, likely smoke impacts, burning supported by wildlife preservation groups, etc.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
27	If yes, please explain in detail below.	
28	Undesirable wind direction (wind coming from) for burning, if any?	
29	Do you have a conservation plan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
30	If yes, does burning comply with your conservation plan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
31	If no, please explain in detail below.	

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Attach additional pages if necessary to answer the following:

32	Explain in detail what you would consider doing if you were not allowed to conduct this burn.	
33	Explain in detail why you are not using those methods for this field.	
34	Explain in detail what non-burning alternatives you have tried to address this situation and explain in detail why each was unsuccessful.	
35	Does this burn enable you to transition into non-burning alternatives next year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
36	If no, please explain in detail below.	
37	Have you baled, or do you plan to cut and bale any of the field residue (e.g. straw)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable