



# Orchard Pile Burn 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 70.94.650(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, and no practical alternatives are reasonably available.

## Instructions

### 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 if information is inaccurate and/or if all information is not provided.*

### 3. Return the completed forms with applicable attachments and fees to:

- Spokane Clean Air, 3104 E. Augusta Ave., Spokane, WA 99207

## 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 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

**An \$80.00 minimum filing fee is non-refundable, regardless of the approval or denial of a permit.** The remainder of the application fee is refundable for material exceeding 80 tons that has not been burned. A written refund request must be received within 7 days of completing the burn, or permit expiration, whichever is first. The request must include your name, permit number, and the amount of tonnage that was not burned.

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**1. Land Owner Information**

Name:			
Business Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:		Cell:	
		Fax:	

**2. Applicant Information (person completing this application)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the applicant is the same as the land owner listed in item #1			
Name:			
Business Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Check Applicable:	<input type="checkbox"/> Representing Land Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee / Renter <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Phone:		Cell:	
		Fax:	

**Note: If you lease the land, you must have permission from the landowner to burn**

**3. Burn Information**

Complete the Information Sheets 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) as needed.

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

Orchard Reference* <small>(e.g., number, name)</small>	BMP	Orchard Age	Orchard Debris Pile Size**	Number of Debris Piles**	Tons of Debris	Target Burn Date

\* If multiple Orchard/crops are being torn-out/burned.

\*\* If the orchard has not already been torn-out & piled, please estimate the number & size of the piles that will be burned.

Total Tonnage Requested to Burn**	
Multiplied by Per Ton Fee (if over 80 tons)	x \$1.00
<b>Total Fee Due at the Time of Application</b>	<b>= *</b>

\* There is a \$80.00 non refundable filing fee. This fee covers the first 80 tons of material being burned. Spokane Clean Air does not accept credit or debit cards.

\*\* Please use the WA Dept. of Ecology Info. Sheet titled *How to Estimate Tons Per Acre or Tons Per Pile of Orchard Tear-Out Debris* to calculate Total Tonnage.

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## 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 70.94 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, and no practical alternative is reasonably available.
- d. You agree to grant the Department of Ecology (Ecology), Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (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.
- e. 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.

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Print Name**



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## Burn Information

Refer to item 3 of Orchard Pile Burn 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	<b>Orchard Reference</b> (name, number or letter):															
2	Specific orchard type (e.g., apple, pear, etc.) last harvested from the field:															
3	When was the crop harvested?															
4	Total orchard acreage:															
5	Number of acres of orchard being torn-out & burned:															
6	Was debris from this orchard burned previously?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No														
	If yes, month/date/year:															
7	Below, indicate location of the orchard for which this Burn Information Sheet is being completed. List each orchard tear-out burn area individually or if applicable, list the entire orchard.															
	Acres to Burn in this Orchard	¼ or ½														
	¼ or ½	Section														
	Township	Range														
	Target Burn Date															
	Example: 26	NW ½														
	NW ¼	22														
	23N	25														
	mm/dd/yy															
8	Select the applicable Orchard Crops Best Management Practices (BMP)	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>ORCHARD CROP</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><u>Non-Cereal Grain</u></td> <td style="border: none;"><u>BMP Section</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Renewal</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Insect Control</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Disease Control</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Removal</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Research</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Transition</td> <td style="border: none;">Section 6</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Non-Cereal Grain</u>	<u>BMP Section</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Renewal	Section 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Control	Section 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease Control	Section 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Removal	Section 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	Section 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Transition	Section 6
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9	<p>If BMP Section 1 – Orchard Renewal or Section 6 – Orchard Transition was marked on item 8, have you attached detailed information to demonstrate to Spokane Clean Air that reasonable steps were taken to utilize alternative practices and document why they were not available, feasible, timely, or economically practical.</p> <p>If BMP Section 6 – Orchard Transition was marked on item 9, land must be kept in agricultural production. Submit a plan detailing new crop plans &amp; timelines.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable														

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10	If BMP Section 2 – Insect Control, or Section 3 – Disease Control was marked on item 8, have you attached a description of the insect/pest/disease name, crop, and local details and severity of the problem?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
11	If BMP Section 2 – Insect Control, or Section 3 – Disease Control was marked on item 8, have you consulted with a local horticultural pest & disease board, Washington State University Extension Agent, or a Washington Department of Agriculture Entomologist to provide verification of the need to burn? <b>If yes, attach a summary.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
12	If BMP Section 4 – Orchard Removal was marked on item 8, is removal due to an insect/pest/disease?  If yes, attach a signed <i>Agronomic Professional Verification Document</i> from an extension office agent with Washington State University that has horticultural experience, or an entomologist employed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
13	If BMP Section 5 – Research was marked on item 8, has a detailed description been attached that includes the research project, residue amounts, crop, field treatment, local details, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
14	Is the type of burning being requested a customary practice in Spokane County?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, please explain in detail below.  _____ _____ _____ _____	
15	Is a map attached which shows all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specific locations clearly outlined of the field or portions of the field to be burned;</li> <li>▪ Section, township, and range coordinates clearly identified;</li> <li>▪ Topography;</li> <li>▪ Access roads (public and private); and</li> <li>▪ Specific driving directions to the burn</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16	Which Fire District is the field in? <i>Note: You must notify your fire protection district and/or dispatch prior to igniting any fire.</i>	
17	Provide a detailed explanation as to why you believe burning is necessary.  _____ _____ _____ _____	

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18	Explain in detail how you will avoid the need to burn in the future.
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19	What method(s) will be used to prevent the fire from spreading to non-permitted acreage and from escaping onto the property of others?
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20	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;">                     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., nearby housing close to the field, likely smoke impacts, etc.)                 </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </div> </div>
	If yes, please explain in detail below.
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21	Undesirable wind direction (wind coming from) for burning, if any?
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
22	Explain in detail what you would consider doing if you were not allowed to conduct this burn.
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23	Explain in detail why you are not using those methods for this crop.
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24	Explain in detail what non-burning alternatives you have tried to address this situation and explain in detail why each was unsuccessful.
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25	Does this burn enable you to transition into non-burning alternatives next year? <span style="float: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </span>
	If no, please explain in detail below. <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
26	How do the costs of alternatives compare to the cost of burning (provide cost estimates or comparisons)?
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28	Has the material that will be burned already been cut and piled? If yes or partially, please indicate the date or tear-out. <span style="float: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Partially  <input type="checkbox"/> Date _____                 </span>