



# Agricultural Spot Burning Permit Application For Spokane County

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Agricultural spot burning permits give the farmer an opportunity to burn unforeseen and unpredictable small areas where burning is reasonably necessary and no practical alternative to burning exists. The spot burn permit is most commonly used to burn small weed patches, spots of heavy residue, equipment plugs and harrow dumps. Windrows are not considered spots. The spot burn permit is valid for the calendar year in which it's issued and is good for burning a cumulative total of no more than 10 acres of small spots during the year.

- Small weed patches are weeds in a harvestable crop that is so dense that the farmer does not harvest that portion of the field and the weedy patch is left standing or swathed only. Burning, in conjunction with other non-burning management practices, is necessary to effectively kill vegetation and seeds in order to place the patch of ground back into agricultural production.
- Equipment plugs are masses of natural vegetation that have plugged mechanical equipment during tilling or plowing, and have been removed from the equipment and placed into distinct, random piles/spots on the field.
- Spots of heavy residue are small spots of heavy crop residue within a harvestable crop that are so dense that burning, in conjunction with other non-burning practices are necessary to effectively manage the heavy residue in order to place the patch of ground back into agricultural production.

Prior to filling out this application, you should read Spokane Clean Air's agricultural burning fact sheet to ensure this type of burning applies to your situation. If you qualify to burn small weed patches, spots of heavy residue, equipment plugs, or harrow dumps, complete this application in its entirety. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

### **REAL PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION**

Telephone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### **APPLICANT/OPERATOR INFORMATION (if different from above)**

Telephone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you a farmer, which means any person engaged in the business of growing or producing for sale upon your own land, or upon the land in which you have a present right of possession, any agricultural product? Farmer does not mean persons using such products as ingredients in a manufacturing process, or persons growing or producing such products primarily for their own consumption. [WAC 173-430-030(7)]

- Yes
- No

2. Have you ever applied for a spot burning permit or agricultural burning permit for lands within Spokane County?

- Yes  
If yes, year applied for permit: \_\_\_\_\_
- No

3. Field Information Table

Field #	1/4 Section & Section	Township	Range	Crop Type	Total Field Acreage	Weedy Patch, Equipment Plug/Dump, or Heavy Residue

Note: cumulative spot burning within the fields above is limited to no more than ten (10) acres, per farmer, per calendar year.

4. You must submit a map outlining the boundaries of each field. The map(s) must include public and private roads used for accessing the field(s). Does your map include all of this information? [WAC 173-430-080(2)(b)]

- Yes
- No

5. What fire protection district are these fields in? \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT STATEMENT**

Permit Applicants are required to follow and obey all applicable provisions of the Washington Clean Air Act, Chapter 70.94 RCW, Chapter 173-430 WAC - Agricultural Burning, and SRCAA Regulation I. The applicant, if granted a permit, agrees to comply with the following conditions and any additional conditions contained in the permit:

- a) You certify that you are a 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 to Spokane Clean Air.

- b) You agree to grant the Department of Ecology (Ecology), Spokane Clean Air, and the Fire Protection Agency of jurisdiction, or any of their duly authorized representatives 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 may be notified and given the option to accompany Ecology or Spokane Clean Air, or their duly authorized representative(s), when accessing your property.
- c) You certify that the only burning that will be conducted will be that which is reasonably necessary, and where no practical alternative to burning exists. You further agree to follow applicable best management practices specific to the agricultural burning being conducted.
- d) If a permit is granted, you agree to comply with all conditions contained in the permit or when applicable, an amended permit.

I certify that the above information and any other information submitted as part of the burning application and permit request is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the conditions above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) of person(s) responsible for burning under this permit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name(s)

Return your application with a \$37.50 non-refundable fee to the appropriate permitting authority listed below:

<b>If Within FD#2</b>	<b>If Within FD#11</b>	<b>If Within FD#12</b>	<b>If Outside FDs #2, #11, #12</b>
Fire District #2 PO Box 193 Fairfield, WA 99012	Fire District #11 c/o Town of Rockford PO Box 65 Rockford WA 99030	Fire District #12 PO Box 4 Waverly, WA 99039	Spokane Clean Air 3104 E. Augusta Spokane, WA 99207