



Southwest Clean Air Agency

Agricultural Burn Permit Application for Orchard Tear-Out

Is an agricultural burn permit required? If you are tearing out orchard trees and plan to burn the debris, you must obtain a permit from the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA). The following types of burning may not require a permit from SWCAA: annual orchard pruning; natural vegetation along fence lines, irrigation and drainage ditches; or natural vegetation blown by the wind. Call SWCAA at 360-574-3058 or 1-800-633-0709 for details and restrictions.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Provide the information requested on the following pages.
2. Attach a map of the acreage you are proposing to burn (see details in Section 3).
3. Attach additional documentation including:
 - management history and the future management plan of the area requested to burn
 - report from third party agronomic expert that helps to demonstrate the need to burn
 - compliance with soil loss standards
 - additional pages as necessary
4. Calculate total acres and the fee in the space provided. **Minimum fee is \$25.00.*
5. Sign and date the application.
6. Mail the application and check for the permit fee to: **Southwest Clean Air Agency**
11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294
Vancouver, WA 98682-2322

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT, OWNER, AND OPERATOR INFORMATION

Who is the orchardist? (Applicant)

Name: _____ Do you lease or own the land?

Business Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Shop Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Fax: _____

Who will be conducting the burn?

Same as orchardist or Contractor Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ City Cell Phone: _____ State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Shop Phone: _____

Who owns the property? (Optional)

Owner is same as orchardist Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ City Cell Phone: _____ State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Shop Phone: _____

SECTION 2 – ORCHARD INFORMATION

Variety of trees being removed: _____ Is this a dwarf variety? Yes No

Age of trees: _____ How many trees/acre? _____ How many acres are being removed? _____

Have the trees already been torn out? Yes No If yes, date they were torn out: _____

Approximately how many tons of wood per acre will you be burning? _____

Common name (how do you refer to this section of orchard?) _____

SECTION 3 – ORCHARD LOCATION

Attach a map providing the specific location of trees removed and location of expected burn piles. Include clearly marked **Section lines**, and Section, Township, and Range numbers.

Provide the 1/4 1/4, Section, Township and Range for the property where the trees are being removed and burned. If the property is located in more than one Section, Township, or Range, list each separately:

_____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 of Section _____ Township _____ N., Range _____ E.W.M.

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Latitude and Longitude (if available): Lat: N _____ Long: W _____

How was Latitude and Longitude obtained? GPS Map Other: _____

Elevation _____ Geographic location (i.e. valley floor, upper plateau) _____

Fire Department/District (name and #) _____ County: _____

Provide detailed driving directions to the tear-out and burn location; include the street address if applicable:

SECTION 4 – ORCHARD & DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

4.1 Why are the trees being torn out? _____

4.2 What are your plans for this acreage following the tear-out? _____

4.3 Has the orchard been thoroughly inspected by a third-party agronomic professional? Yes No
If yes, what were the results of the inspection? (attach results)

4.4 How do you plan to protect the torn-out acreage from water and wind erosion? _____

4.5 Describe which alternatives to burning you have tried or researched, and why you believe these were not effective (for example: chipping, cutting for firewood, etc.): _____

4.6 How do the costs of alternatives compare to the cost of burning? (provide cost estimates or comparisons) _____

4.7 Explain in detail why you believe burning is the necessary method of debris disposal in this case: _____

4.8 How soon will you be ready to burn? _____

4.9 By when do you need to be done burning? _____

Orchard History (last 4 years)	Acres Torn Out	Acres Burned	Acres Not Burned*
200__			
200__			
200__			
200__			

*What was done with the trees from acres that were not burned? _____

SECTION 5 – PERMIT FEE, CERTIFICATION, AND SIGNATURE

Total acres requested to burn _____ x \$2.25 = \$_____ (Minimum \$25.00 permit fee)

Make check out to: Southwest Clean Air Agency

Permit applicants are required to follow and obey all applicable provisions of the Washington Clean Air Act, Chapter 70.94 RCW and Chapter 173-430 WAC, Agricultural Burning.

I certify that:

- if granted a permit, I agree to comply with the conditions contained in the permit;
- the information provided as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- the orchard described in this application is an agricultural operation as defined in Chapter 173-430 WAC;
- if I am demonstrating necessity to burn by use of a Best Management Practice, I have read and understand, and will follow the Best Management Practices* specific to this type of burning;
- I believe the proposed burning is reasonably necessary, and that no practical alternative exists, and;
- I grant the Southwest Clean Air Agency access to all acreage listed on any agricultural burning permit application I submit or on any permit I am issued, including private roads or access ways under my control needed to access the listed acreage for the purpose of investigating conditions specific to the agricultural burning permit or application.
 - 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 SWCAA when accessing your property.

Signature _____ Date _____

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***Best Management Practices** can be found at the Southwest Clean Air Agency website, www.swcleanair.org, or by calling SWCAA at 360-574-3058 or 1-800-633-0709.

What Happens Next? SWCAA will evaluate your application and determine if you have demonstrated that burning is necessary to carry out your enterprise and that no alternatives to burning exist. SWCAA will act on a complete application within seven days and will either send you a permit or a written explanation as to why the application was denied. If we have questions we may contact you by telephone. Permits contain specific instructions including a requirement that burning be conducted on a *declared burn day* as determined by SWCAA and/or the Washington Department of Ecology. It is important to read and understand all of the permit conditions prior to lighting a fire. If you have any questions, please feel free to the Southwest Clean Air Agency at 360-574-3058 or 1-800-633-0709.

Refund Policy: If the permit is denied, your permit fee will be refunded less a \$25 processing fee.