



# Southwest Clean Air Agency

## *Agricultural Spot Burn Permit Application*

### **Spot Burn Definition**

The spot burn permit is generally for areas that are 1/2 acre to less in size, such as:

- Small weed patches
- Spots of heavy residue
- Equipment plugs and dumps

The spot burn permit is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued and is good for a cumulative total of ten (10) acres of small spots during the year.

*\*This permit is not to be used for field scale burning where the burn will cover an area of over five acres.*

### **When is a Permit Required?**

All burning by commercial agricultural operations requires a permit except when burning orchard pruning, natural vegetation along fence lines, irrigation and drainage ditches or natural vegetation blown by the wind. You must still notify your fire protection authority even if an air quality permit is not required. We request that you also call the Southwest Clean Air Agency burn hotline, **360-574-3058** or **1-800-633-0709**, to make sure it is a burn day, based on air quality criteria.

### **What is a Commercial Agricultural Operation?**

The agricultural burning regulation (**Chapter 173-400WAC**) defines “Agricultural Operation” as a farmer who is practicing commercial agriculture and has filed an IRS schedule F, or has other documentation showing that the land is designated for agricultural use.

### **How Much Does a Permit Cost?**

A fee of \$25 is required by the agricultural burning regulation (**Chapter 173-430 WAC**) for any burning under ten (10) acres. Of the fee, \$12.50 helps fund research into cleaner burning methods as well as alternatives to burning. The other \$12.50 is used by the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) to implement and enforce the agricultural burning program.

### **When is Burning Allowed?**

Burning is to occur during daylight hours only. In most cases, growers must call the **SWCAA Burn Hotline (360-574-3058 or 1-800-633-0709)** prior to burning and burn only on declared burn days. No more than one (1) acre may be burned per day without consulting the agricultural burn hotline or receiving special permission directly from SWCAA. For spots of less than one (1) acre, situations may come up that make it impractical to call the burn hotline. Please make every attempt to burn only when emissions will be minimized (i.e., midday). You must also contact your local fire protection authority for burn notification/approval.

### **Permit Application Steps:**

1. Fill out the information requested.
2. Attach a map showing where you expect to burn. The map should include Section, Township and Range lines and roads. Identify acres/fields where spot burning will occur. (This may mean you map your entire farm).
3. Sign and date the permit application.
4. Mail the permit and your check for \$25 (non-refundable) to the following address:

**Southwest Clean Air Agency  
11815 NE 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1294  
Vancouver, WA 98682-2322**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Burn Location (if different from mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fire Department/District (# and Name) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Driving Direction to Burn Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Burn	Location			Acres	Crop Type	Reason	Expected Burn Date
	1/4 Section and Section	Township	Range				
# 1							
# 2							
# 3							
# 4							
# 5							

**1. Is the applicant the Operator?**      Yes       No

**2. Is the applicant a:**    Business     Individual     Lessee/Renter     Owner

**Applicant Statement:**

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. The Application, if granted a permit, agrees to comply with the following conditions and any additional conditions contained in a permit or other application for permit:

- If you are demonstrating necessity to burn by use of a Best Management Practice (BMP),\* you must certify that you have read and understood and will follow the BMP specific to this type of burning, that you believe the proposed burning is reasonably necessary, and that no practical alternative exists. 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.**
- You certify that you are a verified commercial agricultural operation as defined in Chapter 173-430 WAC.** An IRS schedule F is generally suitable documentation.
- You agree to grant the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) access to the acreage listed on any agricultural burning permit, including those private roads or access ways under your control that are required to obtain access to the listed acreage for the purpose of investigating conditions specific to any agricultural burning permit issued by SWCAA. 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.**

**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 abide by the conditions above.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_