SWCAA Agricultural Permit Process Flow Chart

Is this a Commercial Agricultural Operation?

REF: IRS Schedule F
WAC 173-430-030 (2)
WAC 173-430-040 (2) (a)

NO → No burning

YES ↓

Does the proposed burning qualify as agricultural burning?

REF: WAC 173-430-030 (1)
WAC 173-430-040
BMP Part II (173-430-050)

NO → No burning

YES or Possibly ↓

Does the proposed burning qualify as:

Orchard prunings, or
Natural Vegetation along fencelines
or irrigation and drainage ditches.

REF: BMP Part II (173-430-050)

NO → Permit application required

REF: WAC 173-430-040 (2)(b)

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Collect permit fees
$2.25 per acre, $25.00 minimum

REF: WAC 173-040 (3)
WAC 173-080 (4)

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SWCAA evaluates permit application within 7 business days

REF: WAC 173-430-080 (1)

Denied → Document reason for permit denial and return any fees less a non-refundable $25.00 processing fee

REF: WAC 173-080 (1)(c)

Approved ↓

Issue Agricultural burning permit

REF: WAC 173-430-040 (2,4)
WAC 173-430-080 (4,5)

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Burn permit expires in one year. Burning is subject to permit conditions

REF: WAC 173-430-040 (4)
WAC 173-430-070 (1,2)

YES ↓

Approval letter from SWCAA is required.

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Burning may proceed with the following conditions, subject to SWCAA field inspection:

1. Notify the local Fire Department & SWCAA*
2. Keep commercial farming tax statement (Schedule F) at the burn site
3. No burning is allowed during an air pollution episode or during periods of impaired air quality
3. Burning must be done during daylight hours only unless indicated in Best Management Practices
5. The fire must be attended
6. The burn ing must not cause a nuisance to neighbors or the community

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*WAC 173-430-070: General Agricultural Permit conditions that must appear in all Agricultural burn permits.