

Southwest Clean Air Agency
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RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR BURNING PERMIT
(Non-Recreational/Non-Agricultural/Non-Land Clearing– Permit valid for fires less than 10 feet diameter)
Valid only in parts of Cowlitz County - Check with local fire department for further restrictions
Not valid during a burn ban.

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address of burning site: _____

~ Conditions of Permit ~

General – This permit shall not be used within a no-burn boundary nor shall it supercede any local laws or ordinances. Check with your local fire department and/or city hall for further restrictions, conditions or permits. This permit shall be kept on the premises where the outdoor burning occurs and shall be produced upon request of the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA), fire department or other regulating official. In addition to the requirements stated herein SWCAA may restrict outdoor burning. **Prior to the commencement of any burning call (800) 633-0709 and (800) 323-2876.** Adhere to any conditions or restrictions obtained by calling these numbers. The permittee shall demonstrate that permission from the property owner (where applicable) has been obtained prior to the commencement of outdoor burning.

Prohibited Materials – **Only natural vegetation grown on the permitted property may be burned** except for small amounts of paper necessary to ignite the fire. WAC 173-425-050(1) & RCW 70.94.775

Location – The following dimensions between any open burning and buildings or combustibles shall be established prior to the commencement of and maintained until all burning material is extinguished.

- 15 feet when burning occurs within an approved burning appliance.*
- 25 feet when pile diameter is less than 3 feet and less than 2 feet high.
- 50 feet under all other conditions.

Any condition which might cause a fire to spread to within 50 feet of a building or other combustibles shall be removed prior to and during outdoor burning. Outdoor burning is prohibited within 500 feet of forest slash without a slash burning permit obtained from the Department of Natural Resources. Without the written consent of the SWCAA, burning is restricted to daylight hours and only one pile may be burned at a time.

Fire Extinguishing Equipment – A shovel and a garden hose connected to a sufficient reliable water supply or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available at all open burning sites.

Attendance – All outdoor burning and burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use and capable of using the required fire extinguishing equipment. The attendant shall be familiar with the provisions of this permit and shall remain in attendance until all burning materials are thoroughly extinguished.

Discontinuance – The Southwest Clean Air Agency or other authorized regulating official may order outdoor burning to immediately cease where smoke emissions are offensive to occupants or surrounding property or where a hazardous condition is created. WAC 173-425-050(4),(3)

Penalty – Violations of outdoor burning laws may result in fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

Expiration – This permit expires 1 year from the date of issue.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Permit is not valid without signature of applicant. By signing, the applicant acknowledges that they have read and agree to the conditions stated herein.)

* As of January 1, 2001, the use of burn barrels is prohibited. WAC 173-425-050 (5)