Agricultural Field Burn Permit

This schematic is only for counties for which Ecology is the air authority. If your project is located in Benton, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom, or Yakima County, the local air authority has jurisdiction. Local permitting processes may differ.

**Application Phase**

- **Applicant**
  - **Start**
  - Applicant determines if the burn is considered Agricultural Burning under WAC 173-430-030(1)
    - Yes
      - Contact Ecology or Local Permitting Authority about which permit application may be needed
    - No
      - Applicant determines if they are considered a farmer under WAC 173-430-030(2) and (7) and if the burning they plan to do qualifies as field burning under WAC 173-430-030(8) and (12)
        - Yes
          - Applicant contacts permitting authority to determine if permit is required
        - No
          - Applicant contacts permitting authority to determine if the burn is considered Agricultural Field Burn Permit Required

**Permitting Authority reviews application for completeness and eligibility**

- Incomplete
- Ineligible
- Complete

**Review and Issuance Phase**

- **Permit Required**
  - Permit Issued
  - Application receives checklist explaining denial
  - Permit Denied
    - Applicant may appeal delegated authority’s decision to Ecology
      - Applicant may be eligible for a refund if not all permitted acreage burned. Refund request deadlines vary. Contact Permitting Authority for most current information
    - Applicant receives checklist explaining denial
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      - Permit Issued
        - Contact Permitting Authority for valid burn dates

- **No Agricultural Burn Permit Required**
  - Refund request deadlines vary
  - Agricultural waste to be burned is limited to orchard prunings, natural vegetation along fence lines, irrigation and drainage ditches, creek banks, or natural vegetation blown by the wind
  - Local fire protection authority and/or dispatch must be notified prior to igniting any fire, even if the Agricultural Burn Permit is not required
  - Applicant receives permit and submits the completed application with permitting fee to Permitting Authority
  - Applicant may apply for a refund if available. Refund request deadlines vary. Contact permitting authority for most current information
  - Permitting Authority issues a decision
    - Approved
    - Denied
  - Permit Denied
    - Applicant receives checklist explaining denial
    - Applicant may appeal Ecology Authority for valid burn dates
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**Legends**

- A: Hyperlink
- B: Progression
- C: Revision
- D: Optional

For more information on this or any permitting process visit [http://www.otia.wa.gov](http://www.otia.wa.gov) or call the Governor’s Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance at (800) 917-0043

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