



# Bale-Burn Agricultural Residue Permit Application

For Official Use Only

Permit No:

Zone:

## When is a Permit Required?

All burning by a commercial agricultural operation 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 require that you also call the burn hotline **1 (800) 406-5322** to make sure it is a burn day based on air quality criteria.

## What is a Commercial Agricultural Operation?

The agricultural burning regulation (173-430 WAC) defines “Agricultural Operation” as a farmer who can substantiate that the operation is commercial agriculture by showing the most recent year’s IRS schedule F form or its corporate equivalent.

## What is Baled Agricultural Residue Burning?

Examples of baled agricultural residue that may be permitted for burning include broken, mildewed, diseased or otherwise pest ridden bales. The Bale-Burn permit for baled residue is required for burning residue up to the amount that has been baled off of 10 acres or less or its maximum equivalent of 2 tons/acres. This permit is not to be used for open-field burning or spot burning (other than baled residue, of 10 acres or less).

## How much does it cost?

A fee of \$25 is required by the agricultural burning regulation (173-430 WAC) for any burning under 10 acres (or its baled maximum equivalent). Of that fee, \$12.50 helps fund research into cleaner burning methods as well as alternatives to burning. The other \$12.50 is used by the Department of Ecology to implement and enforce the agricultural burning program.

## Is my permit still valid?

This baled residue burning permit allows for bale burning up to a total of 10 baled acres or its maximum equivalent and, if issued, will be valid for either Spring Season (January 1- June 30) or Fall Season (July 1- December 31). A grower must complete an agricultural burning permit application if baled residue or its maximum equivalent exceeds 10 acres.

## When is burning allowed?

Burning baled residue will be allowed as a last resort. Growers must consider and attempt to use any and all alternatives to burning. Growers must call the **Agricultural Burn Hotline 1 (800) 406-5322** for up-to-date local smoke ventilation conditions and burn only on declared burn days and during times specified. You must notify your local fire district before burning.

## Permit applications Steps:

1. Fill out the information requested.
2. Attach a map where practical showing where you expect to burn. The map should include Section, Township and Range lines and roads. (The FSA aerial photos or USGS 7.5 minute maps are best for this purpose).
3. Sign and date the permit.
4. Mail the permit and check for \$25 to the following address:

**Department of Ecology  
Agricultural Burning Account  
PO Box 47611  
Olympia, WA 99504-7611**

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Applicants Name: _____	Phone: _____
Business Name: _____	Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	County: _____
State: <u>WA</u> Zip: _____	
Contact Person: _____	Phone: _____

Please complete the following table with Section, Township and Range information that best characterizes the anticipated location of your bale burning. If bales are located in different areas, and/or have different reasons why they need to be burned, please fill out multiple burns where applicable. If the baled acreage is known, use the exact acreage. If the acreage is not known estimate the weight of the bales in tons. *Permitted bale burns are not to exceed 10 acres of baled residue or its maximum equivalent of 2 Ton/Acre.*

**Expected Baled Agricultural Residue Burning**

Burn	Section	Location Township	Range	Acres or Tons*	**Reason	Expected Burn Date
# 1						
# 2						
# 3						
# 4						
# 5						

\*Assume 2 tons per acre if acreage baled is unknown  
 \*\*Alternative to burning must be considered and attempted

**Applicant Statements:**

- I verify that this is a commercial agricultural operation as defined in WAC 173-430-030.
- I understand that following: that “for the purpose of investigating conditions specific to the control, recovery or release of air contaminants into the atmosphere, a control officer, the department, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have the power to enter at reasonable times upon any private or public property, excepting non-multiple unit private dwellings housing two families or less. No person shall refuse entry or access to any control officer, the department, or their duly authorized representatives, who request entry for the purpose of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials; nor their duly authorized person obstruct, hamper or interfere with any such inspection”, in accordance with 70.94.200 RCW.
- I understand that I must follow burn/no burn decisions by burning on designated days insofar as practical and during designated hours in order to minimize air pollution in accordance with 70.94.650 RCW.
- The information provided as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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**Applicants Signature**

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**Dated**

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**Printed Name**