

Yard, garden and land clearing burning is not allowed in Urban Growth Areas (UGA)



An Urban Growth Area (UGA) is a boundary set up by local planners to help control growth. Open burning is not allowed in UGAs because of a law passed by the Washington State Legislature in 1991 to protect clean air.

There are many ways to use yard and garden debris. Try composting, mulching, or chipping these materials.

To learn about alternatives to burning contact (insert local info)

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Smoke from outdoor burning contains hundreds of air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, fine particles, and organic gases—none of which belong in our lungs.

Whether you live in an urban growth area or you don't choosing an alternative to burning is the safest choice for you, your family and your community.



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For information about burn restrictions, contact the Department of Ecology at (509) 329-3400.

