



NOTICE OF CORRECTION – OUTDOOR BURNING

Air Quality Program, Central Region

For Office Use
Docket # _____

Issued to: _____ Date of Violation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of Outdoor Burning: _____

The Department of Ecology has determined that you have violated one or more of the Washington State outdoor burning regulations as described below. **The text of the regulations [WAC 173-425] is provided on the back of this form.**

- Burning illegal materials** It is illegal to burn the following materials in an outdoor fire:
 - garbage
 - construction debris
 - dead animals
 - paper, other than what is necessary to start the fire
 - metal
 - rubber products
 - plastics
 - asphalt
 - petroleum products
 - cardboard
 - any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned
 - paints
 - demolition debris
 - treated wood
- Outdoor burning in a burn barrel**
- Impacting people with smoke** from an outdoor fire
- Burning residential or land clearing debris** in an outdoor fire inside Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Ellensburg and their urban growth areas.
- Outdoor burning without an Ecology burn permit**
- Leaving an outdoor fire unattended**
- Residential burn pile greater than 4' x 4' x 3'**

Corrective Action(s) Required:
No time extension is available for the following Corrective Actions

- You must **immediately** extinguish the fire.
- Starting **immediately** let the fire burn out. Do not add any more material to the fire and do not stir the fire.
- Other: _____

This Notice of Correction is issued pursuant to Chapter 43.05 Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Failure to take corrective action as described above can result in enforcement action including a penalty of up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

If you have questions or would like to request technical assistance please call (509) 575-2490 and ask for the Air Quality Specialist named below or ask for the Burn Team.

Issued by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Air Quality Specialist - **Print name**

Outdoor Burning Regulations – Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

Burning illegal materials WAC 173-425-050(1) The following materials may not be burned in any outdoor fire: Garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.

Outdoor burning in a burn barrel WAC 173-425-050(5) Outdoor containers (such as burn barrels and other incinerators not regulated under WAC 173-400-070(1)) used for outdoor burning, must be constructed of concrete or masonry with a completely enclosed combustion chamber and equipped with a permanently attached spark arrester constructed of iron, heavy wire mesh, or other noncombustible material with openings not larger than one-half inch, and they may only be used in compliance with this chapter.

Impacting people with smoke WAC 173-425-050(4) It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow outdoor burning that causes an emission of smoke or any other air contaminant that is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, that causes damage to property or business, or that causes a nuisance.

Burning residential or land clearing debris WAC 173-425-040

- (2) Urban Growth Areas. Residential burning and land clearing burning may not be allowed in any urban growth areas after December 31, 2000.
- (3) Cities over 10,000. Residential burning and land clearing burning may not be allowed in any cities having a population greater than ten thousand people after December 31, 2000. Cities having this population must be identified by using the most current population estimates available for each city.

Outdoor burning without an Ecology burn permit WAC 173-425-060(2) Except as otherwise stated, a permit is required for the following types of outdoor burning in all areas of the state under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

- (a) Residential burning (except in the nonurban areas of any county with an unincorporated population of less than fifty thousand);
- (b) Land clearing burning;
- (c) Storm or flood debris burning;
- (d) Tumbleweed burning (except in counties with a population of less than two hundred fifty thousand);
- (e) Weed abatement fires;
- (f) Fire fighting instruction fires for training to fight structural fires in urban growth areas and cities with a population over ten thousand, and all other fire fighting instruction fires, except fire fighting instruction fires for training to fight structural fires as provided in RCW 52.12.150, aircraft crash rescue fires as provided in RCW 70.94.650(5), and forest fires;
- (g) Rare and endangered plant regeneration fires;
- (h) Indian ceremonial fires (except on lands within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations unless provided for by intergovernmental agreement);
- (i) Recreational fires with a total fuel area that is greater than three feet in diameter and/or two feet in height (except in the nonurban areas of counties with an unincorporated population of less than fifty thousand);
- (j) Other outdoor burning (if specifically authorized by the local air authority or ecology).

Leaving an outdoor fire unattended WAC 173-425-050(6)(a) A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it.

Residential burn pile greater than 4' x 4' x 3' WAC 173-425-060(5)(c)(ix) Any burn pile must not be larger than four feet by four feet by three feet.