

# THURSTON COUNTY RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR BURNING PERMIT

Burning Location (address): \_\_\_\_\_

***This permit is valid only in unincorporated Thurston County, outside the Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries of Bucoda, Grand Mound, Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater and Yelm. It can only be used for residential burning of leaves, clippings, and other yard and garden refuse originating on site.***

***This permit is NOT valid for land clearing burning, nor burning of logging debris.***

This form shall be completed by the landowner or landowner's agent (applicant). The applicant shall sign the form and submit the top copy to the Fire District where the burn site is located. The applicant shall comply with the regulations below and on the back of the permit. **PERMITS ARE VALID OCTOBER 16 THROUGH JULY 14.** Burning is not permitted July 15 through October 15, nor is burning permitted during burn curtailment period (Burn Bans). **PERMITS EXPIRE JULY 14 AND A NEW PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEXT BURN SEASON.**

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Only Natural Vegetation grown on the permit site indicated above may be burned.
2. Burning may occur only during daylight hours.
3. When winds exceed 5 miles per hour (mph), fires shall not be ignited. If winds exceed 10 mph, ALL fires must be extinguished.
4. Burn pile size must not exceed 10 feet in width, nor 5 feet in height.
5. The applicant's copy of this permit must be posted at the site while burning.
6. The burn pile must be *MORE THAN* 50 feet from any structure or standing timber, and *MORE THAN* 10 feet from any property line.
7. Fires are not permitted within 500 feet of forest slash/logging debris piles.
8. **Fires must be attended until completely out – meaning, NO FLAME, NO SMOKE REMAINING.**
9. Only one residential outdoor fire may be burned at a time on a property.
10. A shovel and water-charged hose shall be on site and immediately available. A minimum of two 5-gallon buckets FULL of water may substitute for a water-charged hose.
11. Fires shall not be allowed during periods of impaired air quality or when burn curtailments are in effect. Contact Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) BEFORE IGNITING YOUR PILE, (360) 539-7610, or visit [www.orcaa.org](http://www.orcaa.org) to get the latest details on burn conditions.
12. Fires must be immediately extinguished if any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of any person; if it causes damage to property or business; or if it causes a nuisance to others.
13. **Burn Barrels are ILLEGAL** – their use could result in fines (***maximum penalty: \$14,915***).
14. Using alternatives to Residential Outdoor Burning is encouraged (see back).
15. Applicant is responsible for ensuring compliance with all local, state and federal laws while burning, pursuant to this permit.

## PENALTIES

Penalties may be assessed for violations of these permit rules as well as for violations of local, state and federal regulations. In addition, the Fire District may recover costs incurred during response, control or suppressing of an unlawful or out-of-control fire. The property owner or person doing the burning assumes responsibility for any damage, by emission or flame, to any structure, utility line or pole, tree or shrub, fence, road or right-of-way, or other public or private edifice. The applicant accepts responsibility for any claimed adverse effects on the health or wellbeing of any person or persons in the path of the fire's emissions. Burning garbage or any prohibited materials may result in substantial fines from ORCAA (***maximum allowable fine: \$14,915***).

*I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules included with this permit and I agree to abide by these regulations as set forth.*

Applicant (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

street address

City

ZIP

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## ***ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING:***

### **CURBSIDE YARD COLLECTION:**

Call your garbage / recycling provider to see if collection of yard waste is available. This service is available for most areas of the county.

### **THURSTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Contact Thurston County Solid Waste Department's Alternatives to Burning hotline, (360) 754-2953, or visit [www.co.thurston.wa.us/wwm](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/wwm) for details about the following programs:

- **Chipping Programs:** Wood chips make great compost or mulch for garden paths and flower beds. Chippers can be rented or chipping companies can be hired to handle the work. The City of Olympia offers a Chipping Days Program for its garbage-collection customers – call (360) 753-8509 or visit [www.ci.olympia.wa.us](http://www.ci.olympia.wa.us)
- **Self-Haul to the Yard Debris Site at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center.** The yard waste fee is about half the regular garbage disposal fee. The City of Olympia also has a Yard Waste Drop-Off Site. Call (360) 753-4444 x8580.
- **Backyard Compost Bins and Workshops.** Get instructions to make your own compost bin, or buy a reduced-price compost bin. Learn the do's and don'ts of home composting at free workshops. Contact WSU Extension Office, (360) 867-2162 ext. 7908. For compost bin sales, call the Master Gardener Foundation, (360) 481-4204 or visit [www.compostbinthurstoncounty.com](http://www.compostbinthurstoncounty.com)

### **ORCAA'S LISTED ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING**

Listings available online at [www.orcaa.org](http://www.orcaa.org) or by calling (360) 539-7610.

## **Don't Get Burned!**

*Know the Law!*

- Burning of natural vegetation is allowed seasonally (Oct. 16-July 14) outside Urban Growth Areas.
- A valid burn permit is REQUIRED.
- Burning of household trash is illegal state-wide and could result in **fin**es of up to **\$14,915**.



**Burn barrels are ILLEGAL throughout Washington!**

## **To Complete Permit Application:**

- **Fill out form**  
*Using buttons on the right,*
- **PRINT your copy, then sign it:**
- **Submit copy to ORCAA**