

ORCAA: Who we are and what we do

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Agency Mission

ORCAA promotes air quality that protects human health and welfare and the environment while maintaining the social and economic well being in ORCAA's jurisdiction.

ORCAA's primary goal, through sound management, creative programs and public education, is to provide citizens in its jurisdiction with clean air.

Agency History and Description

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The Board comprises a representative from each of the six counties in ORCAA's jurisdiction, plus representatives of the three largest cities in the territory; Lacey, Olympia and Port Angeles. Board meetings are open to the public and held at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the agency office in Olympia. The Board is responsible for selecting an Executive Director, who serves as the administrative manager of the agency's professional staff. The Executive Director also enforces the orders, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the agency.

For more information about air quality in ORCAA's jurisdiction, contact the agency at:

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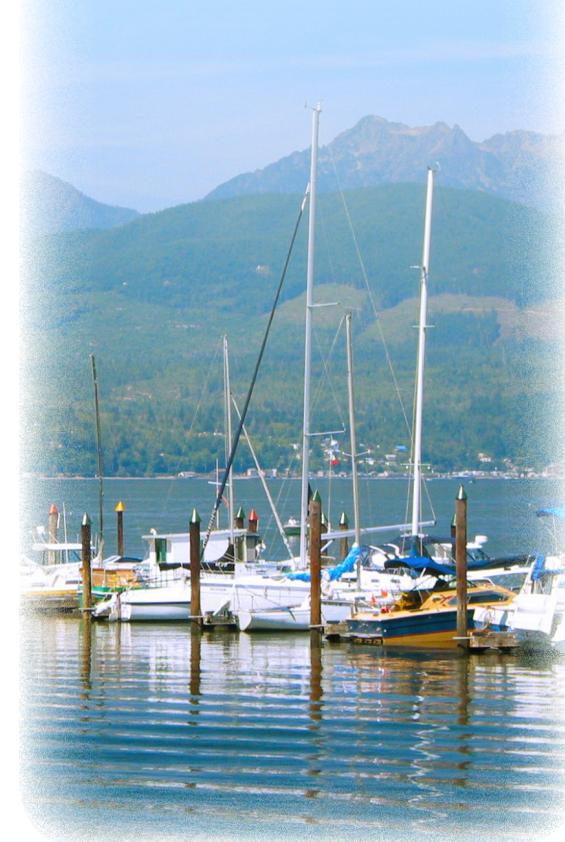
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ORCAA Works with Businesses & Residents

Whether you are a property owner, do-it-yourself remodeler, a professional contractor, or a business owner, you need to be aware of our Clean Air Laws and Regulations.

Any project may impact air quality, so you need to contact Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) to find out what air-related permits are required for your job (if any).

For instance if you are planning to renovate, remodel, or teardown all or part of a building (as a homeowner or as a contractor), you need to have an asbestos survey conducted by a certified AHERA Building Inspector. You may also need a demolition permit.

If you own or operate a business within ORCAA's six-county jurisdiction and that business emits air pollution, it must be registered with the agency. The primary purposes are to verify and maintain a current and accurate record of air contaminants and their sources and to verify that businesses are fulfilling air pollution control requirements. The registration information also allows ORCAA to determine the effectiveness of air pollution control strategies. You may visit the ORCAA website for additional details. Permit applications are also available online. Visit, www.ORCAA.org

Remember, you may need a permit if:

- You are remodeling, renovating or demolishing an existing structure;
- Your project disturbs or removes asbestos-containing materials;
- You own or operate a business within ORCAA's six-county jurisdiction that emits any air contaminants;
- You plan to make any changes to an existing business that could impact the air emissions from that facility
- You plan to burn debris from land-clearing operations.



Got a Project Planned? Be Air Aware!

The Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) issues permits to businesses and individuals for a number of activities that may impact local air quality.

The Five Most Common Air-Related Permits are:

1. Residential Asbestos removal
2. Commercial Asbestos removal
3. Demolition
4. Land Clearing Burning
5. Notice of Construction (business operating permit)

Examples of activities requiring an ORCAA permit:

- Agricultural burns
- Asbestos abatement/removal
- Auto body shops
- Boat manufacturing or repair
- Boilers (non-electric)
- Cabinet Shops
- Coating Applications
- Coffee roasters
- Concrete batch plants
- Demolition projects
- Dry-cleaning
- Fiberglass application
- Fire training burns
- Gas stations
- Incinerators
- Internal combustion generators (stationary)
- Kilns
- Landfills
- Log yards
- Metal fabrication
- Paint/finish spray coating
- Powder Coating
- Printing/publishing
- Saw mills
- Wood working shops



It is ILLEGAL to use Burn Barrels anywhere in Washington!