

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 Tumwater.

Language translations are available on ORCAA's website, www.orcaa.org. The currently available languages are English, Spanish, Korean, and Hindi. If other languages are desired, please let us know via the Website Feedback form on the website's page footer.

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

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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 it is important to contact Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) prior to starting your job.

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 registration information allows ORCAA to determine the effectiveness of air pollution control strategies. Permit applications are also available online. Visit, www.ORCAA.org

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!

