

Health Matters

Burning clean, natural vegetation such as lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs produces dangerous pollutants. Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) is especially harmful to human health. Those at greatest risk are children, pregnant women, the elderly and anyone suffering heart or lung ailments such as high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, asthma, emphysema and bronchitis.

Burning also produces carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHG).

Some types of burning have been prohibited in many areas of the state. Burn bans may also be called for a number of reasons (see details inside) so before you burn, check the ORCAA website for the latest rules and restrictions.

www.ORCAA.org

Cleaner Air for Better Health!

Trash Burning is Illegal!

Where burning is allowed, only natural vegetation (leaves, brush, etc.) may be burned.

State law prohibits the burning of the following materials: paper or newspaper (except what is necessary to start a fire); cardboard; household garbage; treated, painted or stained wood; plywood; construction debris; paints; tires and other rubber products; plastics; asphalt and building materials; chemicals; petroleum products; metal; and dead animals.

Smoke, odor, or ash which goes beyond your property and impacts a neighbor is illegal. Violations may result in fines up to \$14,915 per violation.

Since 1968, ORCAA has been serving the residents of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason, Pacific and Thurston Counties.

The agency promotes air quality and takes actions that protect the health and welfare of the people and the natural environment in ORCAA's jurisdiction. Among the programs and services administered by ORCAA:

- Air Monitoring
- Asbestos Control
- Business Assistance
- Outdoor Burning
- Education & Outreach
- Permitting
- Wood stove use

For more information please visit

www.ORCAA.org

or call 1-800-422-5623

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Outdoor Burning Requirements for safe & legal burning



General Outdoor Burning Rules

WAC 173-425, RCW 70A.15, ORCAA Regulation 6: Rule 6.2

If you choose to burn your yard waste, **and you live in an area where it is legal to do so**, please follow these guidelines:

- ♦ **Get a Permit if required.** Check with ORCAA or local jurisdiction (see contact info at right) to determine if a permit is required.
- w **Do NOT use a burn barrel.** Burn Barrels and other burn containers are illegal under state law.
- w **Burn only natural vegetation** originating on the property where the burn occurs. Trash burning is illegal and may result in fines.
- w **Check the weather** prior to starting your burn. Don't burn during air stagnation nor in windy conditions.
- w **Fires must be attended at all times** until no smoke or flames remain.
- w **Do NOT create a nuisance.** You are responsible for your fire. Creating smoke, odor and ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties is illegal.

Types of Burning

Recreational Fires: Fires used for cooking or recreation. Must be under 3-foot diameter and burning only charcoal or firewood. Permits may be required – consult your local fire district.

Residential Fires: Burning of yard and garden debris, such as leaves, weeds, prunings and garden refuse. No trash burning! Permits may be required – consult your local fire district.

Land Clearing Fires: Burning of trees, stumps, shubbery, and other natural vegetation from land clearing projects. Permits ARE required – consult ORCAA.

Silvicultural Fires: Burning of forest debris as part of woodland management projects. Permits ARE required – consult Washington DNR.

Alternatives to Burning

Composting, chipping and recycling are alternatives to burning that create a resource rather than air pollution. For more information about alternatives to outdoor burning in your area, visit www.ORCAA.org or contact your local Solid Waste Department.

Clallam County	(360) 417-2258
Grays Harbor County	(360) 964-1647
Jefferson County	(360) 385-9160
Mason County	(360) 427-9670
Pacific County	(360) 875-9356
Thurston County	(360) 867-2491

Burn Ban Areas

Land Clearing and Residential Outdoor Burning has been banned in most urban and suburban areas in Washington. **Effective January 1, 2007, state law prohibited yard waste and debris burning in all designated Urban Growth Areas (UGA) within the state. These include:**

Clallam County: Carlsborg, Clallam Bay/Seki, Forks, Joyce, Port Angeles, Sequim
Grays Harbor: Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Cosmopolis
Jefferson: Irondale, Port Hadlock, Port Townsend
Mason County: Allyn, Belfair, Shelton.
Pacific County: Raymond, South Bend, Long Beach, Ilwaco, Seaview
Thurston County: Bucoda, Grand Mound, Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm

Additionally, burn bans may be called in ANY area for a variety of reasons, including:

- ♦ **Impaired Air Quality.** When air pollution levels are measured at elevated levels and forecasts indicate continued deterioration of air quality, ORCAA may call a burn ban to protect human health.
- ♦ **High Fire Danger.** Fire officials may announce a fire-safety burn ban during extended periods of dry weather.

Permit Information

Recreational, Residential
& Land-clearing burns

Contact ORCAA or your local fire department if you live within an incorporated city. In unincorporated county areas, contact the following:

Clallam County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
FD 2 (Port Angeles)	(360) 457-2550

Grays Harbor County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
Elma Fire Dept.	(360) 482-2812
Montesano Fire Dept.	(360) 249-4851
Ocean Shores Fire Dept.	(360) 289-3611
Wishkah Fire Dept.	(360) 533-5773

Jefferson County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
FD 1-East Jefferson Fire Rescue ..	(360) 385-2626
FD 2 (Quilcene)	(360) 765-3333
FD 3 (Port Ludlow)	(360) 437-2236
FD 4 (Brinnon)	(360) 796-4450

Mason County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
Mason Co. Fire Marshal.	(360) 427-9670

Pacific County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
FD 1 (Ocean Park).	(360) 665-4451

Thurston County:

ORCAA	(360) 539-7610
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NOTE: Applications for permits issued by ORCAA are available online at

www.orcaa.org.

