

WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
310 W Poplar St., Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-524-2610

RESIDENTIAL BURN PERMIT APPLICATION

Date: _____ Permit fee: **\$35.00 per year via check, cash, credit/debit card**

Burn Address: Site 1: _____ Site 2: _____

Applicant Name (Printed): _____

Applicant mailing address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

If Applicant is NOT the property owner then the registered property owner must sign below.

I hereby authorize: (Applicant) _____ to purchase a burn permit for the above referenced site(s).

Owner Name (Printed): _____

Owner mailing address: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Rules for all burning in Walla Walla County:

1. Only dry natural vegetation can be burned. This means: No garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber, plastic, treated wood, paper, cardboard, construction/demolition debris, wire, metal or insulation can be burned. Nothing can be burned that has been chemically treated.
2. A responsible person at least 18 years of age must be present and in control of the burn at all times. This fire monitor must have a shovel, hoe, or rake AND a charged hose or other water source significant to control the burn.
3. Even if you are following all the laws applicable to burning, if your fire creates a safety hazard and/or bothers your neighbors it must be extinguished immediately.
4. Burn Barrels are illegal in the State of Washington.

Rules for residential burning:

1. Residential outdoor burning is prohibited within the Urban Growth Area (UGA).
2. Residential outdoor burn piles are limited to four feet in diameter and three feet high. Only ONE pile may be burned at a time. Each pile must be thoroughly extinguished before a new pile can be burned.
3. Residential outdoor burn piles must be placed 50 feet away from anything combustible AND must be placed 500 feet away from a forest slash pile.
4. A valid Residential Burn Permit must be on site during all burning.
5. You may not burn on land that you do not own without written permission from the owner.

By purchasing this permit, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above stated rules. I further acknowledge that Walla Walla County Code Section 15.04.143 B states "The penalty for such infractions shall be one hundred dollars for the first offense within a five-year period. For each subsequent offense within a five-year period, a civil penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars shall be assessed. Each occasion a fire is ignited or used contrary to this chapter shall constitute a separate violation." I further understand that at WWCCDD's discretion, depending on frequency and/or severity, illegal burning cases can be forwarded to the Department of Ecology. DOE could impose a fine of up to \$10,000 per day per violation. **Initial:** _____



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Submit documents to: permits@co.walla-walla.wa.us

**Walla Walla County
Residential Burn Permit Procedure**

1. Complete the residential burn permit application completely. If you own two properties in the county and they are outside the Urban Growth Boundary, you may purchase one permit for both properties.
Additional properties would require the purchase of an additional permit. **Please note**, if you are not the owner of the property, we must have written consent from the property owner authorizing you to purchase a burn permit
2. Read the rules for burning.
3. Print your name, sign and date the application.
4. Mail, email, or bring in your application to the above address. You can pay for your permit with cash, check or credit/debit card.

Your application will be reviewed for approval. Please expect a three day turn around on your burn permit if you mail your application. The permit is not valid until it has been approved by County personnel and in your possession.

Remember to call the daily burn line @ 509-524-2612 for the current burn decision. Refer to your burn permit for further instructions.

You are not required to call your local fire dept. prior to burning for residential burns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the County Burn Control Officer at 509-524-2616.