

What is the Law?

The law states that even where burning is permitted, everyone should try to reduce burning to the greatest extent possible.



Why?

Even unprocessed natural vegetation such as lawn clippings, leaves and pine needles produce **air pollutants** when burned.

This includes **carbon monoxide** and **fine particulates** which, when inhaled into the lungs, can have serious health impacts.

Children, the elderly and those suffering from chronic respiratory conditions such as **asthma, emphysema and bronchitis** are the most vulnerable to poor air quality. Reducing air pollution is one way Ecology is working to decrease toxics in the environment.



For more information:

Washington Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
N. 4601 Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205-1295
(509) 329-3400

**Toll-free Air Quality and Smoke
Complaint Line:
1-866-211-6284**

www.ecy.wa.gov

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Learn Before You Burn

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Asotin County:

How does the law affect you?

A Resident's Guide to Outdoor
Burning Regulations and Resources



What can I burn?

- No open burning is allowed inside the city limits of Clarkston. For all other areas, burning is allowed as long as you follow the county regulations.
- Recreational fires are allowed, such as campfires and barbeques, unless a county-wide burn ban has been issued. If allowed, only burn briquettes, propane, and bare, untreated, dry firewood.
- Yard and garden debris burning should be in piles no larger than 4'x4'x3'. If you are burning large debris or in piles larger than 4'x4'x3', you must apply for a burn permit from the Department of Ecology.

When can I burn?

Outside of Clarkston city limits, open burning is permitted but only at certain times of the year and within certain hours. Please visit the Asotin County website at www.co.asotin.wa.us for more information on the open burning policy.

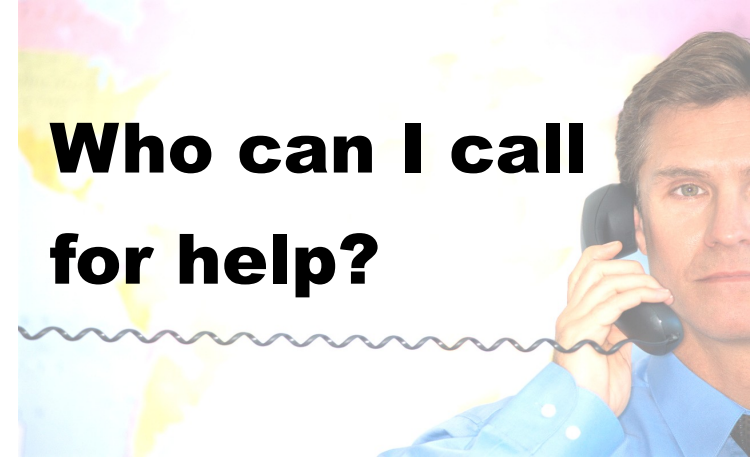
What *can't* I burn?

- You may not dispose of yard debris in a recreational fire.
- Burning ANYTHING in a burn barrel, including natural vegetation, is illegal. This is because a barrel limits the amount of oxygen that can get to a fire, which results in incomplete combustion and lots of smoke.
- For a full list of prohibited items, please contact the Asotin County Building and Planning Department or Asotin County Fire District No. 1.

What happens if I burn when I'm not supposed to?

You can be **fined up to \$10,000** per day, per violation! Illegal outdoor burning is one of the most common air quality violations. It pays to know the rules before you burn!

Who can I call for help?



Asotin County Burn Hotline
(509) 243-2002

Asotin County Conservation District
(509) 758-8012

Asotin County Planning & Building Dept
(509) 243-2020

Department of Ecology, Air Quality Program
(509) 329-3400

Fire Departments

Asotin County Fire District No. 1, Clarkston
(509) 758-5181

Asotin Fire Department (509) 243-4411

Clarkston Fire Department (509) 758-8681

Please use caution when burning. If your fire damages another property, you can be held liable. Fires should be no larger than 4'x4'x3' and need to be at least 50 feet away from structures.