

Agricultural Burning in Washington State

What You Need to Know

- ✓ YOU are responsible for air pollution and fire safety when you burn.
- ✓ You must have an agricultural burn permit for : field burning, orchard tree tear-outs, bale burns and spot burns.
- ✓ Burn **ONLY** dry, natural vegetation and attend the fire at all times.
- ✓ Before starting a fire, contact your local fire department.
- ✓ The grower and all employees must follow all conditions listed on the agricultural burn permit, as well as those from your local fire department.
- ✓ Extinguish your fire if your smoke affects others.
- ⊘ It is **ILLEGAL** to burn grass residue grown for turf or seed.
- ⊘ It is **ILLEGAL** to burn garbage, pesticide containers, tires, lumber, plastics, or any non-vegetative materials.
- ⊘ Burn Barrels are **ILLEGAL**. They create toxic air pollution if used.



Remember:
Breathing smoke-filled air
is bad for you and all
Washington's citizens. Do
your part to reduce smoke!

For more information, please contact the Department of Ecology at (509) 329-3400, go to our web site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/agricultural_homepage.htm , or contact your local Conservation District. If you need this document in another format, contact the Air Quality Program at 360-407-6800. If you have a hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. If you have a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.