

Residential Yard & Garden Burning Permit

Written Permit for Yard & Garden Debris Fires

Permitting Agency: Spokane County Fire District #5

Permit Number:		Issue Date:		Expiration Date:	
Permitting Agency:	Spokane County Fire Protection District 5			Phone:	(509) 796 - 4793
Mailing Address:	17217 W. Four Mound Rd.; Nine Mile Falls, WA			Fax:	(509) 796 - 3473
Signature of District Official:					
<i>Issued pursuant to SRCAA Regulation I, Section 6.10 and 2009 Memorandum of Understanding.</i>					

Applicant: *(this section to be completed by the applicant)*

Name:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:			
Burn Site Address:			
\$25 Nonrefundable Permit Fee Attached:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS PERMIT AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THEM. I UNDERSTAND THIS PERMIT DOES NOT RELEASE ME FROM LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE SPREAD OF FIRE AND THAT VIOLATING ANY OF THESE CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AND/OR ASSESSMENT OF FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS.			
Signature of Applicant: <small>(Must be 18 years of age or older)</small>			Date:

Permit Conditions.

1. The residential burning permit shall be valid for no more than one calendar year.
2. Burning is limited to eight (8) days during the calendar year the permit is issued for.
3. No burning may take place within Urban Growth Areas, within the No Burn Area as defined by Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency (SRCAA), or within any area where residential burning is otherwise prohibited by ordinance, regulation, or law.
4. The responsible person(s) attending the fire must have a copy of the written permit on site and make it available to representatives of the District, SRCAA, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other federal, state, or local agencies of jurisdiction upon request.
5. The District, SRCAA, DNR and their duly authorized representatives shall be given access to the burning location. This includes private roads or access ways under the permit holders control that are required to access the burning location for evaluating / investigating conditions specific to these burning rules.
6. The person responsible for the fire must contact SRCAA's burn information line at 477-4710 prior to burning each day to determine whether burning is allowed based on air quality.

7. The person responsible for the fire must also contact the District at (509) 796-4793 or call WA State DNR at 1-800-323-BURN prior to burning to determine if burn bans are in place due to high fire danger.
8. A fire may not be ignited, and must be extinguished, if an air pollution episode, impaired air quality condition, or fire danger burn ban that applies to the burning, is declared for the area. Smoke visible after a time period of three (3) hours has elapsed from the time an air pollution episode, impaired air quality condition, or fire danger burn ban is declared, will constitute prima facie evidence of unlawful residential burning.
9. The fire must consist only of leaves, needles, small tree/shrub prunings, and other natural yard and garden waste originating on residential improved property. Improved property means the maintained area within about 30 feet of a residence, which may consist of a lawn that is watered/mowed 2-3 times per week. The area may have a few trees, shrubs, or other vegetation planted as part of a designed landscape around the house.
10. The fire must not include garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.
11. The fire must not include materials hauled from another property.
12. If any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, if it causes damage to property or business, or if it causes a nuisance, the fire must be extinguished immediately.
13. All burning must take place during daylight hours only. Burning shall not commence prior to sunrise and all debris burning must be completely extinguished at least one hour prior to sunset.
14. Material to be burned must be placed on bare soil or green grass or other similar areas free of flammable materials for a distance adequate to prevent the escape of fire.
15. Burning must be done during periods of calm to very light winds.
16. There must be a continuous supply of water (e.g., charged garden hose) and a shovel at the debris pile being burned.
17. A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
18. Permission from a landowner, or owner's designated representative, must be obtained before starting an outdoor fire.
19. Only one pile at a time may be burned, and each pile must be extinguished before lighting another.
20. No fires are to be within fifty feet (50') of any structure unless the District specifies an alternative site-specific setback distance in the written permit.
21. No fire is permitted within five-hundred feet (500') of forest slash.
22. Burning shall comply with SRCAA regulations and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) laws and regulations.
23. The owner of the property, upon which burning is being done, and/or other persons responsible for the fire may be held liable for firefighting costs and damages as a result of the escape of fire, at the discretion of the District's Board of Directors.
24. Failure to follow the conditions of this permit may result in the issuance of a Notice of Violation (NOV) and civil penalty by SRCAA.
25. Permission to burn under this authorization may be suspended, revoked, or cancelled without notice by the District or SRCAA.
26. No pile shall exceed four feet in diameter and three feet in height (<4' x 4' x 3').