



# Rules Regarding Fires!

## *Know When to Burn and What Permits are Needed*

### **Recreational Fires (a.k.a. 'campfires')**

*You probably don't need a permit but contact ORCAA or your local fire department to be sure.*

Recreational fires must be no bigger than 3 feet in diameter, and must be fueled by clean, dry cordwood ('firewood') or charcoal.

Visit [www.orcaa.org/burning/outdoor-burning/](http://www.orcaa.org/burning/outdoor-burning/)



### **Residential Yard-Waste Burning**

*Permit requirements vary by county. Contact ORCAA or your local fire department for information.*

Residential fires refer to the burning of small amounts of yard waste accumulated on residential lots only. Burn piles should contain only dry, natural vegetation. No trash, milled lumber, or construction debris is allowed.

Visit [www.orcaa.org/burning/outdoor-burning/](http://www.orcaa.org/burning/outdoor-burning/)

### **Land Clearing Burning**

*A permit is needed and will be issued by ORCAA or your local fire department. Fees may be charged.*

Land clearing burning refers to the burning of natural vegetation cleared from commercial properties for development purposes as well as larger-scale residential land clearing.

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## Agricultural Burning

A permit is needed and will be issued by ORCAA.

ORCAA rules define Ag Burning as: “The burning of vegetative debris from an agricultural operation necessary for disease or pest control, necessary for crop propagation and/or crop rotation, or where identified as a best management practice by the agricultural burning practices and research task force. NOTE: Propane flaming for the purpose of vegetative debris removal is considered commercial agricultural burning.”

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## Silvicultural Burning

The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) maintains authority over all silvicultural burning in the state. Contact the appropriate DNR regional office for details.

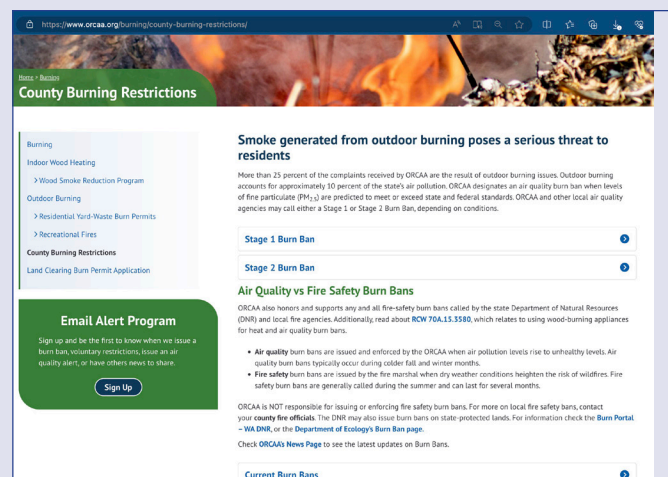
Silvicultural burning encourages forest health and wildfire prevention.

Visit [www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/forest-practices](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/forest-practices)

## A Note on Burn Bans

Prior to undertaking any burn, please ensure there are no burn bans in place. Burn Bans can be called for fire safety reasons or for air quality reasons. ORCAA maintains updated information on current burn bans, whether called by fire agencies or by ORCAA, on the agency website, [www.ORCAA.org](http://www.ORCAA.org). Individuals may also sign up for ORCAA’s Email Alert Program, found under the “About” tab at the top of the home page of ORCAA’s website.

By signing up, you will be among the first to know when we issue a burn ban or have other air quality news to share.



The screenshot shows the ORCAA website page for County Burning Restrictions. The page title is "County Burning Restrictions" and the URL is "https://www.orcaa.org/burning/county-burning-restrictions". The page content includes a navigation menu with links for "Burning", "Indoor Wood Heating", "Outdoor Burning", "Residential Yard Waste Burn Permits", "Recreational Fires", "County Burning Restrictions", and "Land Clearing Burn Permit Application". The main content area features a section titled "Smoke generated from outdoor burning poses a serious threat to residents" with a sub-section "Air Quality vs Fire Safety Burn Bans". Below this, there are buttons for "Stage 1 Burn Ban" and "Stage 2 Burn Ban". At the bottom, there is a "Current Burn Bans" section. A green "Email Alert Program" sign-up button is also visible on the left side of the page.