



Focus on **Disposing of Storm and Flood Debris**

From the Department of Ecology's Air Quality Program

What is storm and flood debris?

Storm and flood debris is natural vegetation such as leaves and branches that is left behind by storms and/or floods. Material is considered storm or flood debris if:

- the storm or flood occurred in the last two years, and
- the city, county, or state government declared an emergency as a result of the storm or flood.

Can I burn storm or flood debris?

Yes, if your city, county or state government has declared an emergency for your area. You must follow these requirements:

- Have a permit to burn.
- Burn **ONLY** natural vegetation.
- Burn only debris resulting from the storm or flood – not general residential yard and garden material or land clearing material.
- Only burn material from the site where it originated. You cannot burn material from other sites.

How can I get a permit?

Contact Ecology or your local air quality agency for a permit application. In some cases, local fire districts or county agencies may issue permits. See page 2 for an information contact in your county.

If you need a permit from Ecology, contact the Ecology regional office in your area for a permit application. You can also get Ecology's permit application online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy07052.html>. Once Ecology receives a completed application, you should receive your burn permit within about seven working days.

What's in a burn permit?

Permits tell you the conditions under which you may burn. The conditions might include things like the specific materials you can burn and when you can burn it. For information about the size of the burn pile and hours you can burn, contact the agency shown for your county on page 2. Each area may have different requirements, and your permit will identify the ones that apply to you.

If your burn permit is issued by Ecology's central or eastern regional offices, call 1 800-406-5322 to find out if it is a burn day where you are. If it is a burn day, you must follow the permit conditions listed on each burn permit.



Is there a permit fee?

Ecology does not charge a fee for storm and flood debris burn permits. Local air quality agencies may charge fees in their jurisdictions.

Who to contact for information, by county

<u>County</u>	<u>Call</u>
Adams	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Asotin	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Benton	Benton Clean Air Authority, 509-943-3396
Chelan	Department of Ecology, 509-575-2490
Clallam	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
Clark	Southwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-633-0709
Columbia	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Cowlitz	Southwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-633-0709
Douglas	Department of Ecology, 509-575-2490
Ferry	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Franklin	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Garfield	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Grant	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Grays Harbor	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
Island	Northwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-622-4627
Jefferson	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
King	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 1-800-552-3565
Kitsap	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 1-800-552-3565
Kittitas	Department of Ecology, 509-575-2490
Klickitat	Department of Ecology, 509-575-2490
Lincoln	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Lewis	Southwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-633-0709

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Mason	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
Okanogan	Department of Ecology, 509-575-2490
Pacific	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
Pierce	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 1-800-552-3565
Pend Oreille	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
San Juan	Department of Ecology, 425-649-7000
Skagit	Northwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-622-4627
Skamania	Southwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-633-0709
Snohomish	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 1-800-552-3565
Spokane	Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority, 509-477-4727
Stevens	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Thurston	Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, 1-800-422-5623
Walla Walla	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Wahkiakum	Southwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-633-0709
Whatcom	Northwest Clean Air Agency, 1-800-622-4627
Whitman	Department of Ecology, 509-329-3400
Yakima	Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority, 509-834-2050

On Indian reservations, call the Environmental Protection Agency, 1-800-424-4EPA.

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