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Planning & Development Services
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Burn Permit Application

Permit #: _____

Commercial Application

Residential Application
Daylight hours only

Please complete the following application and provide an aerial photo of your property. On the aerial photo, please indicate where your proposed burn pile and monitoring equipment is located. When ready, submit your burn permit application and aerial photo to ePermits@co.whatcom.wa.us for processing. Please allow at least 1 business day before your proposed start date for application processing.

NOTE: Fees will be assessed in accordance with the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (UFS) in effect at the time of application submittal. Please contact Planning and Development Services to determine project specific fees. [Click here](#) to see the Current Whatcom County UFS. Per UFS 2843 all permits and applications are subject to a Technology Fee which is calculated on the permit/application fees due.

Is your property in a location where burning is still allowed? Yes No

Please provide a description of the burning material: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Property Owner Name _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

You must have property owner's permission to burn if not your property!

Burn Site Address _____

Parcel Number: _____ Fire District _____

Parcel number can be obtained through the [Whatcom County Assessor's Office](#)

Date Proposed to Start Burning _____

Please choose a permit type and pile size:

Residential:

Pile size does not exceed 10' X 10' with 10' fire break.

Hand tools shovel or rake.

Water must be on-site as charged garden hose or (2) full 5-gallon buckets

Burning allowed during daylight hours only.

Permit is for the number of intended days of burning, not to exceed 1 week.

Commercial:

Pile size may not exceed 25' X 25' with 25' fire break

Pile size estimated at 20' X 20' with a 20' fire break

Pile size estimated at 15' X 15' with a 15' fire break

- Excavator with operator required to be on-site while pile is burning.
- Minimum of 300 gallons of water with 1.5" hose and pump on-site.
- A fan must be used to start the fire to minimize smoke.

Pile 15' X 15' required excavator and a water truck/trailer/hydrant with hose that will reach around the fire.

Special Conditions: _____

All fire types must adhere to the following conditions:

- Fires must be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure or standing timer.
- A person 16 years or older must be in attendance at all times while pile is burning.
- No prohibited material may be burned at any time (i.e. garbage, construction debris, pallets).
- No burning permitted with winds exceeding 10mph.
- Only burn one pile at a time, unless approved otherwise by the Fire Marshal.

Applicant Signature

Date