



# UMATILLA COUNTY SMOKE MANAGEMENT PERMIT

For AGRICULTURAL BURNING

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

216 S.E. 4TH ST, PENDLETON, OR 97801

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Additional Information can be obtained by visiting

<http://www.umatillacounty.gov/>

Permit No.

SM- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Fee \$50

Make check payable to:  
**Umatilla County**

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

LEGAL OWNER(S)

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

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Common description of agricultural burn location  
(distance from a landmark, adjacent roads, city, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Burn Location(s)

Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of burn: (Please list acreage amounts per type)

Wheat/grain stubble # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

Grass seed residue # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

Orchard pruning's # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Burning can only occur on designated **BURN DAYS**. Call the **County Burn Line at (541) 278-6397**, check the county website (<http://www.umatillacounty.gov/>) or FACEBOOK (Umatilla County Smoke Management) for current burn day information. **A copy of this permit must be present during ALL agricultural burns.**

**Please be prepared to give the following information when leaving a message regarding your intended burn:**

- 1) *Smoke Management Permit number*
- 2) *Location of intended burn (common description, not legal description)*
- 3) *The number of acres you intend to burn (an accurate estimate is acceptable)*

**VALID FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ ONLY**

*Please complete application and signature on the reverse side →*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am responsible for damage to property caused  
(print name)  
 by any fire that I ignite if the fire spreads across property lines, and I may be held liable for damages resulting from smoke emissions from my burning (i.e. traffic accidents). I understand that I may be subject to possible civil and/or criminal penalties if I violate the terms of Chapter 95 of the Umatilla County Code of Ordinances and burn without a valid permit. I understand that fire safety is my responsibility and I agree to extinguish my fire(s) when wind speeds exceed 20 miles per hour, and that continuing to burn when wind speeds exceed 20 miles per hour constitutes a violation of the Smoke Management Ordinance. **I agree to call the County Burn Line and register every burn I ignite.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Excerpts from Umatilla County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 95**

**§ 95.01 PURPOSE**

The intent of this ordinance is to protect open burning as an effective, efficient, and appropriate natural resource management tool; as well as to improve air quality over Umatilla County by considering 1) technical aspects of burning, 2) materials being burned, 3) potential particulate load generated by open fires, and 4) cost effectiveness and efficiency of program administration and enforcement. In addition, the ordinance is intended to enhance air quality by increasing public awareness of the need to reduce smoke from all sources. Through education and information, all open burning in the county will be encouraged to be done only on designated BURN days and in a manner which both minimizes smoke generation and/or insures adequate smoke dispersal to minimize adverse effects of smoke.

**§ 95.06 PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING**

1. Permit Holders shall not ignite a fire if the wind speed exceeds 20 miles per hour and are discouraged from igniting fires when wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour. Each burner shall be responsible for monitoring wind speed at the site of the fire with the understanding that designation as a BURN day is no guarantee of safe conditions for burning.
2. Tree stumps may not be open burned unless they have first been removed from the ground and let dry, so they will burn without creating a dense smoke and without smoldering for an extended period of time.
3. No materials which are on the DEQ list of materials prohibited from open burning may be burned in Umatilla County. (See Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340-264-0060(3).)

**§ 95.07 PRE-IGNITION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prior to igniting an open burn, Permit Holders shall notify Umatilla County of the Open Burning and also provide any other information requested by the County. In addition, Permit Holders will need to notify the appropriate fire protection agencies (such as a Fire District, County Dispatch, Tribal Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, or other state or federal agencies) of the intent to burn.

**§ 95.08 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. All open burning shall be done in a manner which. Does not unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property; Does not create an unreasonable public or private nuisance; and . Does not pose an unreasonable hazard to public safety.
2. Smoke that is merely unsightly in the judgment of an individual shall not necessarily be considered a public nuisance.
3. Propane flaming of grass seed and cereal grain residue is allowed only after as much residue as practicable has been removed from the field, or if the field has been recently open burned. Propane flaming is allowed only on designated BURN days. This provision does not apply to the use of hand-held propane devices used for the purpose of igniting fires.
4. Open burning shall be conducted in a manner that reasonably minimizes the likelihood the smoke emitted will create unsafe driving conditions on nearby roads and highways.
5. Fire safety shall be the responsibility of each burner. Nothing in this ordinance shall relieve any permit holder or person who has started or authorized a fire, whether permitted or not, from responsibility or liability for damage or injury.
6. Reasonable efforts shall be taken to extinguish and/or minimize smoke from open burning of hay stacks, brush, and other materials that have been ignited, whether accidentally, by arson, or by natural events such as lightning.

**For Office Use Only:**

DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

TWP _____	RNG _____	SEC _____	Tax Lot _____	Account # _____
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*Please attach a separate piece of paper for additional Tax Lots*