

No Other Adequate Source of Heat (NOASH) Application for 2024-2026

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found online at www.pscleanair.gov/NOASH. Please refer to the criteria for exemption from Burn Bans, Solid Fuel Burning Devices Regulation I, Section 13.05 in the FAQs.

Information that you're going to need in order to complete this application:

1. The year the home was built, square footage, and heating type according to what is listed on the county assessor's records.
2. If it is a gas, oil, or electric forced-air furnace, the amps or BTUs.
3. If electric baseboard, the total length of baseboard in feet.
4. If there are in-wall heaters, the total number of heaters and wattage.
5. If a wood-burning device, the make, model and year of the device.

This exemption was designed to identify those homes that have no other way, besides wood burning, to adequately heat their homes. As a regulatory agency, we are required to follow the law, which is quite clear: the "no other adequate source of heat" decision is based on the designed capacity of heating system(s) currently "and/or originally installed" in your home. Unfortunately, we cannot take into consideration your *income level, ability to pay your heating bills or whether your heating system is working*. We do, however, take income level into account to help identify possible assistance programs to help you with your home heating. You may also be eligible for heating assistance or incentives for upgrades. To find out more, contact your utility company, look online, or visit our web site at: <http://pscleanair.gov/541/utility-rebates>

We encourage you to contact the Agency with any questions about the NOASH exemption and/or your application.

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Postal mail	Attn: Exemption Application 1904 Third Avenue – Suite 105 Seattle, WA 98101

Application Process

1. Once an application is submitted, we will review and confirm information provided with available county records and either approve or reject the application.
2. You will receive a letter indicating that your application has been approved or rejected. If your application is rejected, a reason will be provided and you may reapply if the reason for rejection is resolvable, such as missing information or inconsistent county records.

It is not resolvable if it has been determined that the home has another adequate heat source or the home was built/remodeled after 1992 in an urban growth area or nonattainment area. Please note, if your application is rejected, you are *not exempt* from Agency air quality burn bans.

If your application is approved, you are exempt from Agency air quality burn bans from the date of the **Agency approval until August 31, 2026**. Even if the Agency approves your application, **you must still burn cleanly** and smoke density must be less than 20% opacity (Washington Administrative Code 173-433-110 and Regulation I, Section 13.03).

Application

Please fill out this form completely. All questions are required; **incomplete information may lead to rejection of your application**. You will need to attest to the accuracy of all the information provided below and each adult member of your household is required to sign this application.

1. Building type (*check one*):
- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> single family house | <input type="checkbox"/> mobile home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> duplex/townhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> garage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> condominium | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
2. Property is currently used as: ☐ owner occupied/used ☐ rental
3. If it is a **residential or commercial building**, was it built or significantly remodeled after 1992? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you received a Notice of Violation (NOV)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If **yes**, include violation and case number (found on the packet you received in the mail)
- *Please note, applying for the NOASH exemption will not automatically guarantee that your NOV will be dismissed; you will still need to provide the Agency with a written response and any information on your wood burning device as instructed by the NOV.*

Violation # _____
Example: 8-000000

Case # _____
Example: 2014000000

5. **Building address of primary resident or user:**

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____



6. Property owner's name and contact information (if different from primary user):

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

7. Person completing form, if different from primary user, resident, or property owner:

Reason for completing form _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check the appropriate answer. Include all information on devices, even if broken. If your heating system is disconnected, damaged or simply not working, please still include this information otherwise your application will be incomplete and the Agency will not be able to process your application.

8 . Does the building have electric baseboard or in-wall heat?

☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but broken ☐ No

If **electric baseboard**, what is the total length of baseboard?

_____ feet

If **in-wall**, what is the number of in-wall heaters?

_____ # _____ watts

9. Does the building have a gas, oil, or electric forced-air furnace?

☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but broken ☐ No

If **electric**, what size is the circuit breaker?

_____ amps

**Look for the main breaker handle (the biggest one) and see if the amps are listed on the handle or look for the amps on the toggle switch.*

If **gas or oil**, what is the output rating (found on heater) _____ BTUs

**Look for the boiler tag on your heater; this will contain the BTU ratings.*

10. Does the building have a heat pump?

☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but broken ☐ No

If yes, what size is the circuit breaker? _____ Amps

11. Describe the insulation in the building, if any:

Ceiling: Type _____ Thickness or R-Value _____

Walls: Type _____ Thickness or R-Value _____

Floors: Type _____ Thickness or R-Value _____

Notes on insulation: _____

**The R-value is typically stamped on the paper side of the insulation. The thickness can be measured by taking a ruler and setting it next to your insulation. Take the measurement from the top of where the insulation hits on the ruler to the bottom of the ruler.*

Windows are (check all that apply): ☐ single pane ☐ double pane

Window frames (check all that apply): ☐ wood ☐ vinyl ☐ metal

12. Please contact your county assessor's office or refer to your county assessor's website to complete the following: *If you provide the Agency with information that is inconsistent with county records, your application will not be approved.**

Year Built: _____

Square Footage: _____

Stated Heating Type: _____

13. Information on wood-burning device: *Please include a photo of the device. A photocopy of the manual is not sufficient. Please refer to the guidelines in the FAQs, they can help you determine if your stove is certified or not.*

☐ Fireplace ☐ EPA Certified device ☐ Unknown if the device is certified

Manufacturer: _____

Model Name and Number: _____

Serial Number: _____



Date purchased or installed: _____

Why is it important to know if my wood-burning device is EPA or Oregon certified or not: *If you have a certified device, you may use it during a stage 1 burn ban without needing an exemption. Also, we will register the device in our certified device database which is checked before any violations are issued for burning during a stage 1 burn ban. If you don't have a certified device, it is illegal to burn during a Stage 1 AND a Stage 2 burn ban without an exemption.*

I am/we are requesting an exemption from solid fuel burning device limitations (Washington State Law, RCW 70.94.473) because my residence or commercial building does NOT have an adequate heat source other than a wood-burning device.

All adult residents please sign:

Signature

Date

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Date

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

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