

# Agricultural Burning Permits

Agricultural burning allows legitimate farming or agricultural education operations to dispose of green waste generated from agricultural activities.

To conduct agricultural burning, farming or agricultural education operations must obtain a permit from the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH). DOH's Clean Air Branch issues these permits to ensure burns are conducted safely and with minimal impact on nearby communities.

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- Plan Ahead: You must submit an application and schedule an in-person inspection to receive a permit.
- Have an Existing Agricultural Operation: Agricultural burning is available for existing agricultural operations only.
- Create a map of the burn location that includes key details: prevailing wind direction, nearby homes, schools, buildings, airports, highways, and utilities.
- Ensure that you have a water source available that can extinguish the fire.

## DON'T

- Burn logs, tree stumps, branches or any green waste greater than 4" in diameter.
- Burn trash or anything not from your farm or waste from factories or processed materials.
- Burn to clear land.
- Agricultural burning is not allowed during mandatory No Burn Periods, listed at [health.hawaii.gov/cab/](https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/).

**Violating opening burning rules could result in fines up to \$10,000 per violation, per day.**

## Questions? Contact the Clean Air Branch



### By Phone

O'ahu: (808) 586-4200  
Maui: (808) 662-4005  
Kaua'i: (808) 241-3323  
East Hawai'i: (808) 933-0404  
West Hawai'i: (808) 322-1965



### By Email

Email: [CAB@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:CAB@doh.hawaii.gov)  
[www.health.hawaii.gov/cab/](https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/)



### By Mail

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## Gather Your Application Materials

- A map of the burn area that includes key details: prevailing wind direction, nearby homes, schools, buildings, airports, highways, and utilities.
- Information to verify that you operate a legitimate agricultural business such as your GET license number and sales receipts.
- If you are not the landowner, you will need the landowner's written permission to burn on property.

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## Submit an Application and Fee

- Read application instructions and complete an application form: [health.hawaii.gov/cab/permit-application-forms](https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/permit-application-forms)
- Attach your completed map.
- Fees vary based on the area you are requesting to burn.
- Follow the instructions on the application to submit it.

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## Schedule an On-Site Inspection

- After reviewing your application, DOH will contact you to arrange an on-site inspection.
- The inspector will verify the agricultural operation, burn area, materials you plan to burn, water availability for fire control, and smoke impacts to neighbors.

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## Receive a Decision from DOH

- DOH will contact you with a final decision on your permit.
- If your permit application is approved, you **MUST** follow the conditions in the permit.
- If your application is denied, you may request a re-evaluation.

Reference: Hawai'i Administrative Rules 11-60.1-51 to 58

