

## FIELD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you are interested in receiving Wood Ash, eligible field(s) must meet the following guidelines:

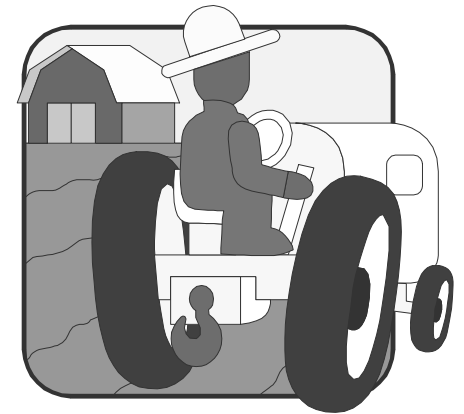
1. **Active** – Fields must be pasture land, actively farmed or enrolled in a set aside program.
2. **Access** – Fields must have reasonable road access to accommodate a semi-truck.
3. **Size** – Minimum field size is 10 acres. Wood Ash delivery causes a 1-2 acre compaction area, making sites under 10 acres difficult to manage. Contact the SWCD for more information.
4. **Waste applications** – Fields that have previously received municipal sludge are **NOT** eligible to receive Wood Ash.
5. **Setback** – Fields must meet the following setback requirements: 200' from a Residence; 600' from Residential Developments; 600' from Recreational Areas (including Cemeteries); 200' from a Private Well; 1000' from a Public Well.
6. **Ownership** – If you wish to receive wood ash on property that you operate but do not own, you must obtain the property owner's signature on an **“Authorization to Apply Wood Ash”** form (available from the SWCD).

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## COOPERATIVE WOOD ASH PROGRAM

A Partnership between the  
Koochiching SWCD,  
Boise Cascade, and Landowners



## INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM GUIDE

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## **This pamphlet will help guide you through the various phases and components of the Wood Ash Program.**

### **Landowner Responsibilities:**

1. The Landowner is responsible for making sure each field meets the eligibility requirements which are outlined in this pamphlet.
2. Once eligibility has been established, the landowner is responsible for soil testing each eligible field (maximum of 40 acres per test). To qualify as a valid soil test, each field must be tested for phosphorus, potassium, pH, organic matter, and soluble salts. Valid soil test results must show a pH level of 7.1 or lower and be current to within 2 years. Soil test kits and instructions are available from the SWCD office.
3. Once soil testing is complete, the landowner is responsible for providing the SWCD with a copy of each valid soil test in order to begin the application process.

### **SWCD Responsibilities:**

1. The SWCD will, upon receipt of a qualifying soil test, process your wood ash permit(s) within ten (10) working days from the date it is received.
2. Upon completion of the permit, the SWCD will forward a copy of the completed permit to Mountain Environmental.
3. The SWCD will be available to provide general program information as well as facilitate communications between the landowner and Mountain Environmental.

### **Mountain Environmental Responsibilities:**

1. Upon receipt of your permit, Mountain Environmental will add your name to the list of program participants ready to receive Wood Ash.
2. Mountain Environmental will contact landowners who are scheduled to receive wood ash approximately 1 to 2 weeks prior to the projected delivery date.
3. Mountain Environmental will work with the SWCD to prioritize and coordinate wood ash delivery using the following considerations:
  - location
  - accessibility
  - field size
  - soil conditions
  - road restrictions
4. The Wood Ash Program, which runs 365 days per year, is a cooperative effort that has proven to be very successful since it began in the fall of 1997. However, due to the site selection variables listed above in #3, it is impossible to predict exactly when a particular field will receive ash. Therefore, it is important that you, the landowner, fertilize and plant your fields when the time is right for you. Do not delay tillage, planting, or other field operations with the hope of receiving ash in time for the current planting season.

We hope you found this program guide helpful. For questions regarding the permitting process, please contact the SWCD office Monday – Friday at 218-283-1175.



### **Wood Ash Program Contacts**

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