

Crop residue burning restrictions

The aim of these requirements is to maintain soil organic matter and prevent damage to landscape features. They apply to you if you have crop residues on your land.

A. You must not

1. burn any of these crop residues:
 - cereal straw;
 - cereal stubble;
 - residues of oilseed rape;
 - residues of field beans harvested dry;
 - residues of peas harvested dry.

You will not be in breach of this requirement if the burning is for:

- education or research;
- disease control or the elimination of plant pests where a notice has been served;¹
- the disposal of straw stack remains or broken bales.

B. You must

1. comply with certain restrictions² if you are burning linseed residues;
2. comply with certain restrictions³ if you are burning residues under the exemption for education or research; disease control or the elimination of plant pests.



Further advice and guidance

Cross compliance advice line – **0845 345 1302**
 Defra helpline – **08459 33 55 77**
 Natural England – **0845 600 3078**
 RPA helpline – **0845 603 7777**

1 Under the Plant Health (England) Order 2005.

2 These restrictions are set out in Schedule 2 to the Crop Residues (Burning) Regulations 1993.

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