

City of Burlington's Policy for Off Road Vehicles (ATV's)



Areas You Can Ride

- **Vacant Lots** - Find out who owns the land and ask for their permission to ride on the land prior to riding on the property. If you do not, you may be trespassing (going onto someone's property without his or her permission). Just because there is not a fence around it does not mean you have the right to ride there. The property does not need to be posted "No Trespassing" to be violating the law. The biggest complaint about ORV's running near houses is the noise and dust. The noise can disturb your neighbors. Avoid riding near houses. Clean air regulations govern the amount of dust that can be created. Violations of clean air regulations can lead to fines. The City of Burlington also has noise regulations, found in the Burlington Municipal Code 8.14.
- **Washington State Department of Natural Resource (DNR), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and some Private Land** - ORV's are permitted on DNR, WDFW roads and trails where marked for authorized off road vehicle use. View the law as it pertains to [Off-Road and Nonhighway Vehicles 46.09 RCW](#).
- **Forest Service Roads** - You are required to have all of the equipment a regular vehicle has to have to operate on the roads. This includes:
 - Current plate on it.
 - Lighted Headlight and taillights on motorcycles & working lights on other ORV's like Jeeps.
 - Brakes and Brake light(s)
 - Mirror
 - Horn
 - Eye protection or windshield
 - Muffling system (emitting no more than 105 decibels at 20") with a "USFS Approved Spark Arrestor" that is stamped into the metal on motorcycle mufflers and is clearly visible.

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- **Roadways** - Only licensed street vehicles may ride on, cross or ride the shoulders/ditches of roadways.