

**VILLAGE OF PECATONICA, ILLINOIS**  
**MUNICIPAL CODE**  
**ARTICLE SIX**  
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Chapter Four      Burning Ordinance

Section 1      Definition

- A.      When the terms "fire" or "burning" are used in this ordinance, they shall not be construed to mean or include a fire in a furnace, stove boiler, indoor fireplace or barbecue grill provided such use creates no fire hazard.
  
- B.      Open Burning, as used herein, is defined as the combustion of any matter in the open without originating in or passing through equipment for which a permit has been issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 2      Provisions

- A.      Opening burning of rubbish and lawn waste shall be prohibited.
  - 1.      The definition of rubbish shall include, but not be limited to, items such as paper, plastic, rubber, food products, metal, glass, and combustible liquids.
  
  - 2.      The definition of lawn waste shall include, but not be limited to, items such as grass, leaves, vegetables, and flowers.
  
- B.      Burning is permitted when authorized by a special permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 504 of the Open Burning Regulations of Illinois as adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board, September 2, 1971, as amended or any other rule or regulation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
  
- C.      All burning shall be subject to all State Statutes and the General Provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and its Pollution Control Board.
  
- D.      Burning of untreated and/or unpainted wood for campfire, picnic or other recreational purposes is permitted only in areas where such burning is otherwise permitted by law.
  - 1.      Permitted areas shall include, but not be limited to, fire pits made of earth, stone, or metal, no more than four feet wide by four feet long, or four feet in diameter.

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2. The use of devices made of earth, stone, or metal designed for the purpose of containing a fire shall also be permitted provided the area containing the fire is no more than four feet wide by four feet long or four feet in diameter.
  3. The pieces of wood contained in permissible fires shall be no more than four feet in length.
- E. When permitted, all fires must be conducted in a safe manner and attended by or supervised by an individual 18 years of age or older. There must also be a significant water supply available or other adequate means to extinguish the fire.

**Section 3     Restrictions**

- A. Open burning permitted by the terms of this Chapter shall under no circumstances be allowed upon sidewalks, public streets, alleys, right-of-ways, or highways or within fifteen (15) feet from any building or combustible materials.
- B. Burning is permitted when supervised by any fire protection district serving the Village for the purpose of instruction in methods of fire fighting or fire hazard elimination. The Village President and the Supervisor of the Local Law Enforcement Agency must be notified in advance of any such burning.
- C. Variances to this ordinance shall only be granted by the Village Board.

**Section 4     Penalties**

- A. Violators of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) if paid within ten (10) days of a citation and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) thereafter plus any other related costs.