

9.16.040 Open burning and bonfires.

A. Definition. "Landscape waste" as used in this section means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree branches, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of the lawn, shrubbery, vines, and trees.

B. Duty of Owner. It shall be the duty of the owner of the premises on which open burning or a bonfire occurs to comply with or cause compliance with the provisions set forth in this section, as such provisions now exist or may from time to time be amended.

C. Open Burning Generally Prohibited. Open burning within the Village is prohibited, except as permitted in this section.

D. Permissible Open Burning. Open burning is permitted within the Village when there is compliance with all of the following:

1. Landscape waste may be burned from sunrise until five p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, except that such burning is prohibited at all times on Halloween.

2. All fires must be completely extinguished by five p.m.

3. Open burning of landscape waste is permissible only for landscape waste which is dry, and which was generated on the premises where the fire is located.

4. A fire must be attended at all times by a competent person over the age of sixteen (16). A water supply adequate for extinguishing the fire always must be present.

5. Open burning is prohibited on all public streets, rights of way, and sidewalks; and further is prohibited at any location sufficiently close to any building or structure that the fire would place the building or structure at risk.

E. Bonfires. It is unlawful to build or light any bonfire so close to any building or other structure as to endanger such building or structure, or on any public street, rights of way, or sidewalk. Only dry wood, and no garbage or other refuse, may be burned in a bonfire.

F. Recreational Fires. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit fires used for cookouts or in patio fire pits.

G. Violations. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this section shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) per occurrence, plus the Village's costs. (Prior code § 9.24.040)
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