

# COUNTY OF KANE

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## POLICY REGARDING PERGOLAS & TRELLISES

Kane County Property Owners and Contractors,

Pergolas and trellises have become popular features for residential landscapes and outdoor areas. A pergola or trellis is a feature without a roof or walls, but has open wood or metal framing overhead to provide partial shade or support for plants overhead and is supported by columns.

Because pergolas and trellises do not have roofs and are not enclosed, a building permit is not required. Pergolas and trellises that are built with a wood deck should be included with the permit plan required for decks.

If the current or future owners of a property that has a pergola or trellis proposes to fully or partial enclose the framing with a roof or walls, a building permit will be required at that time.

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