

Benefits of Smoke-Free Parks



Create a healthy environment for everyone to enjoy.

Protect vulnerable groups like children, people with asthma, older adults, and pregnant women from harmful secondhand smoke.

Lower the chance that children and pets will put cigarette butts into their mouths.

Help normalize smoke-free spaces to keep parks a family-friendly, clean, and safe space for children to play.



Keep our planet safe from garbage and pollution caused by cigarettes and vapes.

Lower the chance of harmful chemicals getting into drinking water and into lakes and streams.

Lower fire risk caused by cigarette butts thrown on the ground.



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CLEARING THE AIR: FACTS ABOUT SECONDHAND SMOKE

Secondhand smoke (SHS) comes from cigarettes, some plant-based products (such as marijuana), vapes, cigars, pipes, and hookahs.¹

There are more than 7,000 chemicals present in SHS.¹

People who do not smoke but are exposed to SHS, are breathing in many of these same chemicals, including 50 known to cause cancer.²

It is unhealthy to breathe any amount of tobacco smoke.^{1,4}

Secondhand aerosol from e-cigarettes/vapes has harmful chemicals that can cause cancer and damage lungs.⁴

Exposure to SHS is harmful to high-risk populations such as children, people with asthma, older adults, and pregnant women.^{2,3}

1. <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/tobacco/cessation-fact-sheet>

2. <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/why-is-smoking-an-issue-for-non-smokers>

3. [https://no-smoke.org/electronic-smoking-devices-secondhand-aerosol/#:~:text=Electronic%20smoking%20devices%20\(ESDs\)%20do,are%20known%20to%20cause%20cancer.](https://no-smoke.org/electronic-smoking-devices-secondhand-aerosol/#:~:text=Electronic%20smoking%20devices%20(ESDs)%20do,are%20known%20to%20cause%20cancer.)

4. <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/e-cigarettes-vaping/what-do-we-know-about-e-cigarettes.html>

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Health and Safety Benefits:

- Protect residents, pets, employees, and park visitors from toxic secondhand smoke exposure
- Promote a safe, clean, and healthy environment for residents and youth to enjoy the outdoors¹



Economic and Environmental Benefits:

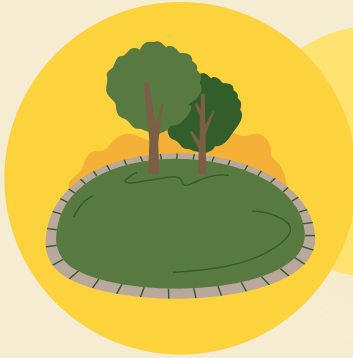
- Reduce environmental costs for the city; estimated tobacco litter removal costs range from \$3 million to \$16 million¹
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How Does This Benefit You and Your Community?



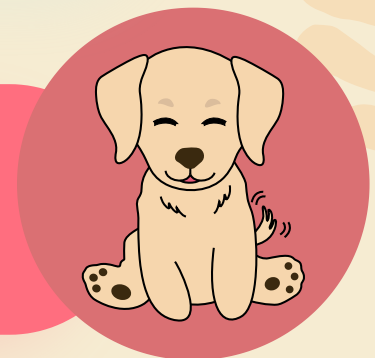
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