

### **Touchstone Policy: Fragrance-Free Common Areas**

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Sponsored by Common House Committee

Members and residents of Touchstone Cohousing Community agree to abstain from using or wearing products containing fragrances in the Common House and on common grounds. This includes fragrances in any of the following:

- Cleaning supplies, such as sprays, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.
- Toiletries, such as perfume, shampoo, conditioner, soap, makeup, etc.
- Dryer sheets or fabric softener (used in the common house or vented from residential units)

This does not include naturally-occurring fragrances such as flowers or plants.

Other fragrances may include:

- People who have been smoking recently and who smell strongly of smoke

In the event that a cleaning agent containing fragrances is needed, residents shall be notified at least one day in advance. In the event of an emergency, a sign to inform residents of a generally prohibited substance in use will be posted on each entry.

This policy will be [posted in the common house](#).

Background: Some of our community members suffer from some form of chemical sensitivity. Symptoms range from common allergies to life-threatening reactions. People might experience mild to severe reactions to a wide range of commonly used products including fragrances from detergents, fabric softener sheets, perfumes and colognes, even air fresheners.