

Touchstone Smoking Policy
drafted Aug 12, 2019 • reviewed by Grounds [Aug 14, 2019](#)
intro at plenary [Oct 14, 2019](#) • revised and consent obtained [Jan 25, 2020](#)

No smoking is permitted on the Touchstone grounds, including the common house porch, common areas, limited common elements, porches or decks, or parking lots, or in the common house.

In this policy and anywhere else in Touchstone documents, *smoking* refers to any form of cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other inhaled smoke, including tobacco and marijuana. In accordance with the 2015 revision of the Michigan Clean Indoor Air Regulation, *smoking* in this policy also includes vaping.

This policy does not prohibit any smoking done inside a person's house or vehicle with windows closed.

Smokers are expected to go to the road (Little Lake Drive) to smoke. Any butts or ash resulting from smoking on the road adjacent to Touchstone (the cul-de-sac or any portion of the road on Little Lake Drive) should be disposed of safely in a non-flammable container, such as an empty glass jar or aluminum can.

All Touchstone residents, including renters, are expected to communicate this policy to their guests, including workers, friends, family, and tour participants.

Action items:

- Grounds met [on Aug 14](#) and discussed the policy, with the recommendation that we offer an alternative that does not allow smoking on campus. We also need a map of clearly designated smoking areas.
- The task force brought this draft policy to Steering for review, and it was sent to the October 14 plenary for initial review.
- Feedback was invited at the October and November Grounds meetings.
- The proposal was brought back to Steering and was revised in January 2020 to reflect the community's preference for a no-smoking outdoor policy.
- Action items:
 - the Grounds committee will create "Smoke-Free Campus" signage, in which we laminate and post signs by both doors of the common house
 - the Common House committee will update the [Common House General Guidelines](#) to refer to existing [Fragrance Free policy](#) and new Outdoor Smoking Policy
 - Maggi will communicate with Jane Finkbeiner, who will communicate with the current construction crew to make sure they understand and will follow the policy
 - the community will agree to communicate the policy to their guests, including workers, friends, family, and tour participants

References:

- <https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/365/Clean-Indoor-Air-Regulation-amended-15-0058-PDF>
- <https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/5387/Frequently-Asked-Questions-for-Washtenaw-County-Clean-Indoor-Air-Regulation-PDF?bidId=>
- [2019 Touchstone Fragrance Free policy](#)