

Smoke-Free Government Grounds and Tobacco-Free Parks

A Mecklenburg County Initiative to Improve Health

As of March 18, 2015:



All government owned buildings, vehicles and property (grounds) are **smoke-free** in Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, the CATS transit system and in the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville. This is a Mecklenburg County Board of Health Rule.



All Mecklenburg County owned parks, greenways and park property are **tobacco-free**. Exceptions include the county golf courses and some regional parks. This is a Mecklenburg County Ordinance.

Smoke-free is defined as no smoking or combustible products such as cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos or pipes.

Tobacco-free is defined as no tobacco product use including smoking products, smokeless tobacco (dip, snuff) and electronic cigarettes or vaping products.

Benefits of Tobacco-Free Environments:

- Protects people from secondhand smoke exposure
- Supports and encourages people to quit smoking or using tobacco products
- Provides positive role modeling to youth which can keep kids from starting
- Reduces tobacco litter and fire hazard
- Reduces overall smoking/tobacco use rates

Reducing tobacco use will prevent chronic disease, improve our community's health and save money in health care costs.



For more information, go to www.tobaccofreemeck.org or call Mecklenburg County Health Department at 980-314-9064
For tobacco awareness education and news, follow TobaccoFreeMeck on Twitter and Facebook