

Let's keep our reservations clean!

Please dispose of your tobacco waste properly

CIGARETTES

- Do not naturally break down
- Tobacco litter contaminates soil and water systems, including drinking water
- Nicotine is toxic to children
- Small fish can absorb tobacco chemicals making them toxic to bigger fish and humans

E-CIGARETTES

- E-cigarettes eventually turn into microplastics and chemicals that pollute our water
- Both batteries and e-cigarettes contain toxic ingredients
- Batteries in e-cigarettes are known to explode

Tips for proper disposal

- The best method is to place the cigarette butt in an ashtray or ashcan
- If an ashtray is not available, cigarettes can be thrown into a trash can, but please make sure it is no longer lit so that it does not start a fire



- Turn off the device and remove the battery before disposal
- If possible, put them in a hazardous waste container or take them to a hazardous waste facility every 90 days for proper disposal
- Store all items in a cool place to avoid overheating
- Do not rinse e-cigarette items to remove the liquid nicotine residue. The water used will become toxic
- Always take caution when handling products, as liquid nicotine can be absorbed through the skin and cause poisoning

What can we do?

We need to increase community awareness of the dangers that commercial tobacco products have on our environment.

We can also encourage people who smoke and vape to quit in order to protect our land from commercial tobacco waste.



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