



WHY TOBACCO FREE PARKS? Students Working Against Tobacco



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We don't want to smell it!



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Secondhand Smoke



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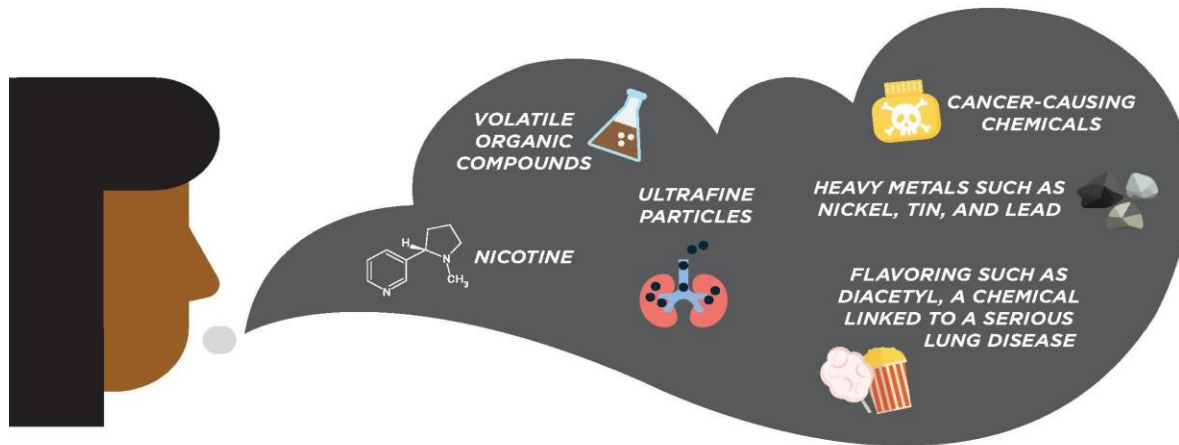
Secondhand Aerosol



It's not water vapor

WHAT IS IN E-CIGARETTE AEROSOL?

THE E-CIGARETTE AEROSOL THAT USERS BREATHE FROM THE DEVICE AND EXHALE CAN CONTAIN HARMFUL AND POTENTIALLY HARMFUL SUBSTANCES:



It is difficult for consumers to know what e-cigarette products contain. For example, some e-cigarettes marketed as containing zero percent nicotine have been found to contain nicotine.



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LITTERING

Smoking causes damage to animals and the environment surrounding them.

At a recent clean up at the Wabasso Causeway boat ramp, I collected more than 600 cigarette butts, just by the boat ramp!



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CalRecycle 
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CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE THE NUMBER ONE LITTERED ITEM ON BEACHES, PARKS & ROADS

they are non-biodegradable because
they are made from plastics and nylons



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Animals

Animals see cigarettes as a source of food.

Even a few cigarette butts in a water ecosystem can negatively affect wildlife.



What about the children???





ENVIRONMENT

Tobacco use is not only a health issue — it is also an environmental issue.

30-40%

Since the 1980s, cigarette butts have consistently comprised 30 - 40% of all items collected in annual international coastal and urban cleanups.

Items removed from U.S. beaches and inland waterways during the Annual International Coastal Cleanup:



cigarette lighters **2,089**

tobacco packages or wrappers **33,865**

cigar tips **58,672**

1,030,640

cigarette butts



Three-quarters of smokers report disposing of butts on the ground or out of a car window.

267 billion

About 267 billion cigarettes are smoked each year in the U.S. (2015)

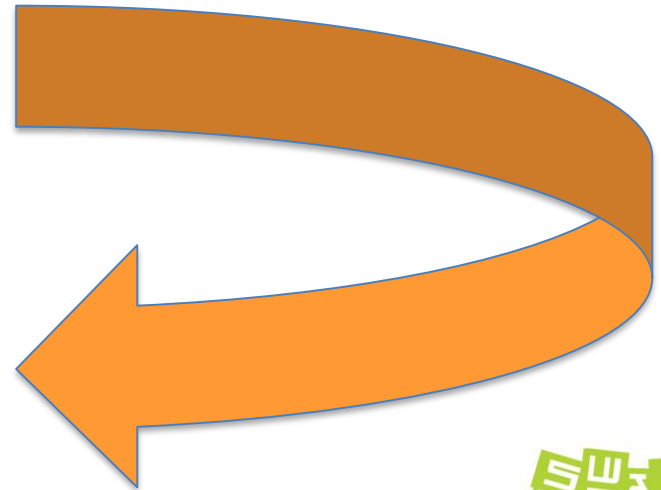
Cigarettes are the most littered item in the country.



1,312,796

pounds of toxic chemicals were reported disposed of, or otherwise released, from tobacco facilities in one year.

By the numbers...



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Discarded Juul pods
were found during
the Coastal Clean-up
at South Beach



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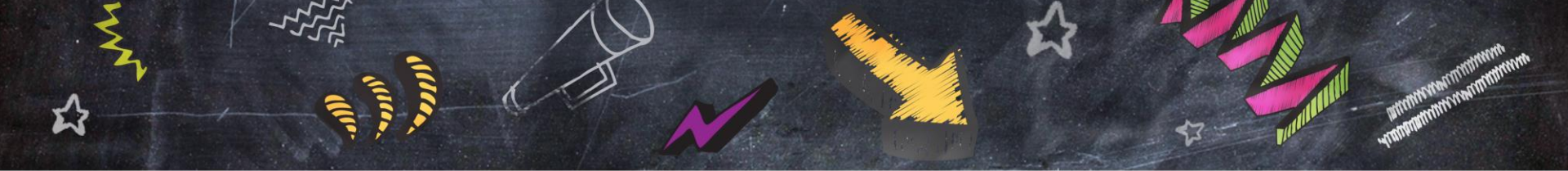


Solutions

There is no safe level of tobacco smoke or aerosol

- A Resolution – City of Vero Beach
- An Ordinance – Cities of Oviedo, Sebastian, and Martin County
- A written Policy





Thank you!



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