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Smoking waste is the single most littered item in California. Discarded cigarette butts and disposable vapes are ugly and dangerous: they contain toxic chemicals that harm our water and our soil. Help protect the environment by eliminating smoking waste.

It's the Law

Although municipal codes in all areas of Marin County prohibit smoking in unenclosed areas of all multi-unit residences except where designated areas are established, smoking waste might still be littered on your property.

You can prevent pollution from harmful smoking waste:

✓ Place a container designed to safely contain cigarettes in the designated smoking area.

✓ Use a label on the container and/or a sign at eye level.

✓ Empty the container regularly.

✓ Place "No Smoking" signs in areas where smoking is not allowed.

✓ Place "No Littering" signs in problem areas.

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Properties WITH a Designated Smoking Area Requirements:

1. Must be located a reasonable distance from any unit or indoor area where smoking is prohibited;

2. Must not include, and must be a reasonable distance from, outdoor areas primarily used by children including, but not limited to, areas improved or designated for play or swimming;

3. Must be no more than ten percent of the total outdoor area of the premises for which it is designated;

4. Must have a clearly marked perimeter;

5. Must be identified by conspicuous signs;

6. Must not overlap with any enclosed or unenclosed area in which smoking is otherwise prohibited by this chapter or other provisions of this Code, state law, or federal law;

7. Must be completely within an unenclosed area.

Properties WITHOUT a Designated Smoking Area:

Smoking is not allowed in unenclosed areas of the property.

If your building does not have a designated smoking area, then smoking is not allowed in unenclosed areas of the property.

If cigarette litter is still an issue:

✓ Post "No Smoking" signs.

✓ Consider setting up a designated smoking area to contain litter. Follow the steps above.

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