



Cortland Free Library

The Cortland Free Library Tobacco-Free Policy is designed to protect the health, welfare, and safety of our patrons, children, staff, and visitors.

The Cortland Free Library is committed to providing a high quality of life for all of our patrons and a respect for the environment. Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching educational or recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
3. As leaders in the community, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

The Cortland Free Library does not allow the use of tobacco products on its property.

The emphasis on enforcing this tobacco-free policy is through voluntary compliance:

1. The library properties will be signed.
2. Information will be posted on the Cortland Free Library website.
3. Staff will make periodic observations of these outdoor areas to monitor compliance and help to promote awareness of the tobacco-free policy.
4. Violators who refuse to comply will be asked to leave the premises.

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