

# Snohomish County Tobacco-Free Parks



9 Snohomish County communities plus Snohomish County Parks and Recreation have adopted tobacco-free parks proclamations. The 5 cities of Lake Stevens, Marysville, Sultan, Lynnwood and Arlington not only passed the tobacco-free parks proclamation but at some point went one step further to pass a tobacco-free parks City Ordinance for all parks under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation. The Arlington ordinance also includes vapor devices. Mill Creek passed an ordinance as well in 2006 but for just one park.

What these proclamations and ordinances have in common is that they all support and promote a healthy lifestyle for our kids. Parks already have on their books rules such as leash laws and prohibitions against using alcohol because those behaviors can interfere with other park users enjoying their park experience. Tobacco use is a similar behavior that can also have very real consequences if someone with health issues is exposed to secondhand smoke. In addition, tobacco use results in the risk of fire in parks and the need for on-going maintenance due to tobacco-related litter.

If you would like more information about how to support a tobacco-free parks project in your community, please contact Annie Peterson, Tobacco Prevention Specialist in the Healthy Communities & Assessment Program, Snohomish Health District, 425.339.5279 or [agpeterson@snohd.org](mailto:agpeterson@snohd.org).



### **Tobacco-Free Parks Proclamations:**

- Edmonds
- Everett
- Gold Bar
- Granite Falls
- Index
- Mountlake Terrace
- Monroe
- Mukilteo
- Snohomish
- Snohomish County Parks and Recreation



### **Tobacco-Free Parks Ordinances:**

- 2006—Mill Creek Park Only in Sports Park
- 2008—Lake Stevens
- 2009—Sultan
- 2013—Marysville
- 2013—Lynnwood



### **Tobacco-Free and Vape-Free Parks Ordinances:**

- 2014—Arlington



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