

- Subject: Smoking Restrictions on Golden Rain Foundation Property
- Purpose: To Establish a Rule Prohibiting smoking in all Golden Rain Foundation (GRF) parks, open spaces, trails, and outdoor recreational facilities, except those places designated by this rule to protect persons health from secondhand smoke and prevent wildfires.
- Pertinent Laws: City of Walnut Creek Smoking Ordinance: [Smoking Laws | City of Walnut Creek \(walnut-creek.org\)](#)
- State of California Health and Safety Code 11362.3: [Law section \(ca.gov\)](#)
- State of California Code of Regulations: [California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5148. Prohibition of Smoking in the Workplace.](#)
- Provisions: This Rule Applies to all persons while on GRF property.
- Definitions: The term smoking means: use of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah pipe, and/or operating an electronic cigarette (vape), and any other similar or related personal smoking materials of any kind.
- The term smoke means: The gases, particles, or vapors released into the air as a result of combustion, electrical ignition or vaporization, when the apparent or usual purpose is human inhalation of the byproducts. The term “smoke” includes, but is not limited to, tobacco and marijuana smoke and gases, particles, and vapors from electronic cigarettes.
- Recreation Area means any area, including sidewalks open to residents and guests owned by GRF. and parks, picnic areas, playgrounds, sport facilities, open spaces, walking paths, hiking trails, gardens, bike paths, swimming pools, sports courts of any kind and golf.
- Requirements: Due to the vegetation conditions of Rossmoor from drought, environmental changes, and the historic fires in California, and due to the inherent health risks of smoking and secondhand smoke, the Golden Rain Foundation has determined carelessness with smoking poses a significant fire danger for all of Rossmoor and also has severe health and safety risks. Therefore, the Golden Rain Foundation prohibits smoking in any of its property including the golf range, the chipping area and the putting green of the golf course

except for the irrigated portion of the play area on the golf courses and other exceptions outlined in this Rule.

Exceptions: Persons are allowed to smoke tobacco products and vape pens on the irrigated portions of the play area on the golf courses, and at designated resident and employee smoking areas and in personal vehicles on GRF streets or parking lots. The designated smoking area for residents is at the Lavender Garden at Gateway. The designated employee smoking areas are as prescribed by the GRF Human Resource Department.

Please note there are no exceptions for smoking marijuana or other Federally scheduled drugs/narcotics or other substances on GRF property.

Violation of Rule:

Violation of Golden Rain Foundation rules may initiate the filing of an incident report, loss of use of GRF amenities by residents and their guests, or disciplinary action, for GRF employees, contractors and service providers up to termination for serious/repeat violations. Report violations to the Public Safety Office at (925) 988-7899.

Authority: Rule

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