How Can You Help?

⇒ Smoking outposts are provided to dispose of all lighted tobacco products; **Utilize the smoking outposts.**

⇒ Dropping cigarette butts and cigar tips to the ground, putting them in planters, and disposing of them in waterways is **littering; Please do not litter!**

⇒ Submit a FM service request if you need a smoking outpost. For every **smoking outpost added**, the littering rate decreases by 9%.

⇒ Consider kicking the smoking habit!

How Can We Help You?

⇒ The Health Center is available to help students who want to stop smoking.

⇒ Virginia DHRM offers a Smoking Cessation program from ActiveHealth® which is available at no extra cost to employees as part of their health plan. **Call 1-866-938-0349.**

⇒ W&M Health & Wellness provides Smoking Cessation resources available to everyone.

W&M Campus Smoking Policy

⇒ Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of all entries and exits from University facilities.

⇒ Entries/exits include outdoor air intakes, doors and windows.

⇒ Smoking is prohibited in W&M buildings.

⇒ W&M buildings include partially enclosed areas such as covered walkways, breezeways, walkways between sections of buildings, bus stop shelters, exterior stairways, balconies and landings.

⇒ Smoking is prohibited inside all vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the University.

⇒ Smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas during University events, particularly in areas such as bleachers or row seating.

⇒ Smoking prohibitions also apply to e-cigarettes.

⇒ Vaping indoors can activate the building’s smoke detectors. False alarms due to vaping (or smoking) indoors may result in judicial review (students); disciplinary action (employees); or penalties (contractors).
Cigarette Litter and Environmental Pollution

- 32% of litter in storm drains is tobacco products
- Cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, which is **NOT biodegradable**
- Discarded cigarettes leach chemicals into the environment, turning the ocean into a “chemical soup”
- Cigarettes create 10x more particulate matter than a diesel car’s exhaust and cause more air pollution
- Cigarette butt litter is **Toxic Waste**

Smoking litter on the ground under the bench outside of the Integrated Science Center. Smoking outpost is located within 8 feet of the bench.

- Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world
- Cigarette butts are littered 8 times a minute
- Over 4.5 trillion cigarettes butts are littered each year
- Cigarette butts are the #1 piece of trash found in waterways

- Cigarette butt litter poses a hazard to animals & marine life when they mistake filters for food

**Economic Impact $ $$**

- Decreases the appeal of our beautiful campus grounds
- Creates fire hazards
- Requires additional steps, stoops and sidewalk sweeping, storm drain cleaning & increased maintenance of storm water filters
- Departments must bear the expense of cigarette butt litter cleanup around entrances, exits, sidewalks, grounds and parking lots