

## **Tobacco Free Locations**

The Murray State University Board of Regents voted on December 4, 2014, for the University to initiate a new tobacco policy that will provide guidance and limitations on the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products within the year 2015. The Board also gave authority to the President to begin implementing programs as well as designating tobacco-free areas. To effectively move the University to the ultimate goal of implementing a policy that will prohibit the recreational use of tobacco and tobacco-like products on University property, the Tobacco Policy Advisory Task Force has made the following recommendations regarding “Tobacco-Free” locations:

- The University follows LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification procedures with the specification that no smoking within 25 feet from building openings and major air intake vents.
- The Zen Garden specifically be deemed as a tobacco-free (all forms of tobacco) zone so that all members of the University can enjoy the beauty of this area.

Therefore, in order to begin the transition as proscribed by the Board of Regents in moving towards a tobacco-free University, and in alignment with the 1,014 other universities that have instituted tobacco-free policies, the University will begin to implement the aforementioned recommendations with effective date of March 15, 2015. This will include signage and the removal of ashtrays. All members of the University community, in the spirit of promoting a healthy environment and in consideration of all members, are asked not to smoke in areas within 25 feet of doorways and air intake vents and refrain from all tobacco use in the Zen Garden.