

States and Localities that Have Restricted the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products



Cigarettes with characterizing flavors, other than menthol, were prohibited in the U.S. in 2009, as part of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (TCA) that gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority over tobacco products. States and localities can implement additional sales restrictions to restrict the sale of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products.

States

Six states restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products, but policies vary in their comprehensiveness.

State	Products and Retailers Covered	Timeline
California	Restricts the sale of all flavored products except for flavored premium cigars with a wholesale price of \$12 or more and flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco. Flavored shisha/hookah tobacco may only be sold in licensed stores that only allow people 21 or older on the premises at any time.	Originally enacted in August 2020, CA's law became effective December 21, 2022 after CA voters upheld the law in a referendum on the November 2022 ballot, a delay tactic led by the tobacco industry. The definition of "characterizing flavor" in CA's law was amended, effective January 1, 2025, to include products that impart a "cooling sensation."
Massachusetts	Restricts the sale of all flavored tobacco products with the exception of flavored e-cigarettes sold for on-site consumption at licensed smoking bars. Also restricts the sale of non-flavored e-cigarettes with a nicotine content over 35 mg/mL to licensed, adult-only retail tobacco stores and smoking bars.	In October 2019, MA implemented an emergency ban on all e-cigarette sales. In November 2019, MA enacted its ban on all flavored tobacco products. The ban on flavored e-cigarettes was effective immediately in November 2019 and the ban on all other flavored tobacco products was effective June 1, 2020.
New Jersey	Restricts the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes.	Effective April 20, 2020.
New York	Restricts the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes, with the exception of flavored e-cigarettes that have received a marketing authorization from the FDA (to date, 6 menthol-flavored e-cigarettes have received such authorization).	Effective May 18, 2020.
Rhode Island	Restricts the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes, with the exception of menthol-flavored e-cigarettes.	In 2019, the RI Department of Health issued emergency regulations prohibiting the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes, which became permanent in March 2020. In June 2024, RI codified this policy in the Governor's budget, but exempted menthol-flavored e-cigarettes, effective January 1, 2025.
Utah	Restricts the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes, with the exception of menthol-flavored e-cigarettes. Also restricts the sale of e-cigarettes with a nicotine concentration above 4% by weight or 40 mg/mL and e-cigarettes that do not have FDA marketing authorization or a pending application submitted to FDA by September 9, 2020.	Effective July 1, 2020, UT restricted the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, except for mint and menthol flavors. This restriction did not apply to tobacco retail specialty businesses. This law was amended in 2024 to restrict mint flavored e-cigarettes, effective July 1, 2024, and to extend these restrictions to all retailers, including retail specialty businesses, effective January 1, 2025.

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In addition to the states listed above, Maryland's state comptroller announced regulatory and enforcement actions to prohibit flavored cartridge-based and disposable e-cigarettes (other than menthol) in February 2020. However, this policy has not been codified and enforcement activities have not been sustained. Maine also prohibits the sale of flavored non-premium cigars.

Localities

Over 420 localities have passed restrictions on the sale of flavored tobacco products, but policies vary in their comprehensiveness (see endnotes). Over 220 of these communities—those listed in **bold**—restrict the sale of menthol cigarettes, in addition to other flavored tobacco products.

***Note:** For localities in states with a stronger statewide restriction, the statewide restriction supersedes the local restriction. Exemptions documented below reflect local code and do not account for state legislation.*

California (162)

1. **Adelanto**
2. **Alameda**
3. **Alameda County³**
4. **Albany**
5. **Alhambra**
6. **Alturas**
7. Anderson^{2,4}
8. **Antioch**
9. Arroyo Grande^{4,7}
10. Auburn
11. **Baldwin Park**
12. **Buena Park**
13. **Benicia**
14. **Berkeley**
15. **Beverly Hills**
16. **Buena Park⁶**
17. **Burbank²**
18. **Burlingame**
19. Calabasas²
20. **Capitola**
21. **Carpinteria**
22. **Carson**
23. Cerritos⁴
24. **Chula Vista^{6,8,9}**
25. Cloverdale
26. **Clovis**
27. **Compton²**
28. Concord^{6,9}
29. **Contra Costa County³**
30. **Corte Madera**
31. **Cudahy**
32. **Culver City²**
33. **Cupertino**
34. Danville^{4,7}
35. **Davis**
36. **Delano**
37. **Dublin**
38. **East Palo Alto**
39. **El Cerrito**

California (cont'd)

40. **El Dorado County³**
41. **El Monte**
42. **Emeryville**
43. **Encinitas⁶**
44. **Fairfax**
45. **Foster City²**
46. **Fremont**
47. **Frisco**
48. **Glendale^{6,8,9}**
49. **Goleta**
50. **Gonzales**
51. **Guadalupe**
52. **Half Moon Bay**
53. **Hayward**
54. **Heath**
55. **Hermosa Beach**
56. **Hollister**
57. **Humboldt County³**
58. **Imperial Beach**
59. **Lafayette**
60. **Laguna Niguel**
61. **Larkspur**
62. **La Verne⁶**
63. **Livermore**
64. **Long Beach^{6,8,9}**
65. Loomis⁴
66. **Los Altos²**
67. **Los Angeles⁶**
68. **Los Angeles County³**
69. **Los Gatos**
70. **Mammoth Lakes**
71. **Manhattan Beach**
72. **Marin County³**
73. **Maywood**
74. **Mendocino County³**
75. **Menlo Park**
76. **Mill Valley**
77. **Mono County³**
78. **Monterey**

California (cont'd)

79. **Monterey County³**
80. **Moraga**
81. **Morgan Hill**
82. Morro Bay⁵
83. **Napa^{6,8,9}**
84. **Novato**
85. **Oakland**
86. **Orinda**
87. **Oroville**
88. **Oxnard**
89. **Pacifica⁶**
90. **Pacific Grove**
91. Palmdale⁴
92. **Palo Alto**
93. **Paradise**
94. **Pasadena**
95. **Petaluma**
96. **Pico Rivera**
97. **Piedmont**
98. Pinole
99. **Pleasant Hill^{6,8,9}**
100. **Pleasanton**
101. **Portola Valley**
102. **Rancho Cordova⁶**
103. **Redding**
104. **Redondo Beach²**
105. **Redwood City⁶**
106. **Richmond**
107. **Ross**
108. **Sacramento**
109. **Sacramento County³**
110. **San Anselmo**
111. **San Benito County³**
112. **San Carlos**
113. **San Diego^{6,8,9}**
114. **San Diego County^{3,6,8,9}**
115. **San Francisco**
116. **San Jose^{6,8,9}**
117. **San Juan Batista**

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California (cont'd)

118. **San Leandro**
119. San Luis Obispo^{4,7}
120. San Luis Obispo County^{3,4,7}
121. **San Mateo**
122. **San Mateo County³**
123. **San Pablo**
124. **San Rafael**
125. **Santa Ana**
126. **Santa Barbara County³**
127. **Santa Clara County³**
128. **Santa Clarita**
129. **Santa Cruz**
130. **Santa Cruz County³**
131. **Santa Maria**
132. **Santa Rosa**
133. **Saratoga**
134. **Sausalito**
135. **Scotts Valley**
136. **Sebastopol**
137. **Solana Beach**
138. **Soledad**
139. Sonoma⁴
140. **Sonoma County³**
141. **South San Francisco**
142. **Stanton**
143. **Stockton**
144. **Sunnyvale**
145. **Temecula**
146. **Tiburon**
147. **Ukiah**
148. **Union City**
149. **Vallejo**
150. **Ventura**
151. Ventura County^{3,4}
152. **Victorville**
153. **Walnut**
154. **Walnut Creek⁶**
155. **Watsonville**
156. **West Hollywood⁶**
157. **West Sacramento**
158. **Willits**
159. **Windsor**
160. **Winters**
161. **Woodland**
162. **Yolo County³**

Colorado (15)

1. **Aspen**
2. Boulder⁴
3. **Breckenridge**
4. **Carbondale**

Colorado (cont'd)

5. **Denver⁶**
6. **Dillon**
7. **Eagle**
8. **Edgewater**
9. **Frisco**
10. **Glenwood Springs**
11. **Golden**
12. Keystone⁴
13. **Pitkin County³**
14. **Silverthorne**
15. **Snowmass Village**

Georgia (1)

1. Watkinsville⁴

Illinois (5)

1. Chicago¹
2. Cook County^{3,4}
3. **Evanston**
4. River Forest⁴
5. Skokie^{4,11}

Maine (8)

1. **Bangor**
2. **Bar Harbor**
3. **Brunswick**
4. **Falmouth**
5. **Hallowell**
6. Rockland⁴
7. **Portland**
8. **South Portland**

Maryland (1)

1. Montgomery County^{4,12}

Massachusetts (172)

1. **Acton²**
2. Adams²
3. Agawam²
4. Andover²
5. **Amherst**
6. **Arlington**
7. Ashburnham²
8. Ashby²
9. **Ashfield**
10. **Ashland²**
11. Athol²
12. Attleboro²
13. Avon²
14. Ayer²
15. **Barnstable²**

Massachusetts (cont'd)

16. Bedford²
17. **Belchertown**
18. Belmont²
19. Beverly²
20. Billerica²
21. Bolton²
22. **Boston²**
23. Braintree²
24. Brewster²
25. Brockton²
26. **Brookline**
27. Buckland²
28. Cambridge²
29. Canton²
30. Carver²
31. Charlemont²
32. Charlton²
33. **Chatham**
34. **Chelsea**
35. Chelmsford²
36. Clinton²
37. Cohasset²
38. **Concord**
39. **Conway**
40. Danvers²
41. **Dedham**
42. Deerfield²
43. Dracut²
44. Duxbury²
45. Easthampton²
46. E. Longmeadow²
47. Easton²
48. Edgartown²
49. Essex²
50. Everett²
51. Fairhaven²
52. Fitchburg²
53. **Framingham²**
54. Franklin²
55. Gardner²
56. Gill²
57. Gloucester²
58. Grafton²
59. Granby²
60. Greenfield²
61. Groton²
62. Hadley²
63. Halifax²
64. Hamilton²
65. **Harvard²**
66. **Harwich²**
67. Hatfield²
68. Haverhill²

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Massachusetts (cont'd)

69. Holbrook²
70. Holden²
71. Holyoke²
- 72. Hopkinton**
73. Ipswich²
74. Lancaster²
75. Lanesboro²
76. Lawrence²
77. Leominster²
78. Lee²
79. Lenox²
- 80. Leverett**
81. Littleton²
82. Lowell²
83. Ludlow²
- 84. Lynn**
85. Lynnfield²
- 86. Malden**
- 87. Manchester-by-the-Sea**
88. Marblehead²
89. Marion²
90. Marlboro²
91. Marshfield²
92. Mashpee²
93. Maynard²
94. Medfield²
95. Medford²
- 96. Melrose**
97. Methuen²
- 98. Middleboro²**
99. Middleton²
100. Millis²
101. Milton²
102. Montague²
103. Natick²
- 104. Needham**
105. Newburyport²
- 106. Newton**
- 107. Norfolk²**
108. North Adams²
- 109. North Andover²**
- 110. North Attleboro**
111. Northampton²
112. North Reading²
113. Norton²
114. Norwell²
- 115. Norwood**
116. Oak Bluffs²
117. Orange²
118. Orleans²
119. Palmer²
120. Peabody²
- 121. Pelham**

Massachusetts (cont'd)

122. Pittsfield²
123. Provincetown²
- 124. Reading**
125. Rockport²
126. Royalston²
127. Salem²
128. Sandwich²
129. Saugus²
- 130. Sharon²**
131. Shelburne²
132. Sherborn²
- 133. Shrewsbury**
- 134. Somerville**
135. Southampton²
- 136. South Hadley**
137. Spencer²
138. Stockbridge²
- 139. Stoneham**
- 140. Stoughton²**
141. Stow²
142. Sudbury²
143. Sunderland²
- 144. Swampscott²**
145. Templeton²
146. Tewksbury²
147. Topsfield²
148. Townsend²
149. Tyngsboro²
150. Upton²
151. Uxbridge²
- 152. Wakefield**
- 153. Walpole²**
154. Wareham²
155. Watertown²
156. Webster²
157. Wellfleet²
158. West Boylston²
159. Westboro²
160. Westford²
161. Westminster²
162. Westwood²
163. Whately
164. Wilbraham²
165. Williamstown²
166. Wilmington²
167. Winchendon²
- 168. Winchester**
- 169. Winthrop**
170. Worcester²
171. Wrentham²
172. Yarmouth²

Minnesota (37)

- 1. Arden Hills**
- 2. Benton County^{2,3}**
3. Big Stone County⁴
- 4. Bloomington**
- 5. Brown County³**
- 6. Brown's Valley**
7. Clay County⁵
- 8. Columbia Heights**
- 9. Duluth²**
- 10. Edina**
- 11. Falcon Heights²**
- 12. Fridley²**
- 13. Golden Valley**
- 14. Hennepin County^{2,3}**
- 15. Lauderdale**
- 16. Lilydale**
- 17. Mendota Heights**
- 18. Minneapolis²**
- 19. Minnetonka²**
- 20. Moorhead**
21. New Hope
22. Nobles County^{2,3}
- 23. Plymouth**
24. Prior Lake⁴
- 25. Rice County³**
- 26. Richfield**
27. Robbinsdale²
- 28. Roseville²**
29. Rushford²
30. Shakopee⁴
31. Sherburne County^{2,4}
32. St. Louis Park²
- 33. St. Paul²**
- 34. Shoreview²**
- 35. Traverse County³**
- 36. Vadnais Heights**
- 37. Wheaton¹⁰**

New Jersey (4)

1. Hanover Township⁴
2. Jersey City⁴
3. Vineland⁴
4. Westfield⁴

New York (2)

1. New York City²
2. Yonkers⁴

North Dakota (2)

1. Cando⁵
2. Valley City⁴

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Ohio (5)

1. **Bexley**
2. **Columbus⁶**
3. **Grandview Heights**
4. **Toledo⁴**
5. **Worthington**

Oregon (2)

1. **Multnomah County**
2. **Washington County**

Rhode Island (6)

1. **Barrington²**
2. **Central Falls²**
3. **Johnston²**
4. **Middletown²**
5. **Providence²**
6. **Woonsocket²**

Washington, DC⁶

Wyoming (1)

1. **Pinedale^{4,11}**

¹ Chicago's e-cigarette flavor ban is comprehensive, but restrictions on other tobacco products apply only to retailers within 500 feet of high schools and exempt adult-only tobacco retailers

² Exempts certain types of retailers, such as tobacco retailers (stores that receive a certain proportion of their revenue from tobacco), tobacco/smoking bars, e-cigarette establishments, adult-only retailers and/or liquor stores.

³ Applies only to retailers in unincorporated areas of the County.

⁴ Flavor restrictions only apply to e-cigarettes.

⁵ Exempts smokeless tobacco.

⁶ Exempts hookah tobacco and/or hookah bars

⁷ Exempts products that have received a marketing order from the FDA.

⁸ Exempts pipe tobacco

⁹ Exempts premium cigars

¹⁰ Exempts e-cigarettes

¹¹ Exempts menthol-flavored e-cigarettes

¹² Restriction only applies to a buffer zone, such as a specified distance within youth-oriented areas such as schools and parks