

## All About Ashtrays

Far fewer people smoke now than did thirty years ago, but that's not to say it's completely left in the past.

There are, for better or for worse, still a significant amount of people who enjoy smoking cigarettes, and it behooves you as a business owner to cater to these people. For one, they are a significant market, and of course you want their business. For two, if they leave their cigarette butts all over the place, they will ward off other customers by making your place look unsightly. So what every business needs right outside its front door is an ashtray.

One ashtray available is a smokers' post. This is an ashtray with a long, often cylindrical neck whose mouth is too small to accept anything but cigarettes.

Fire, the problem associated with all kinds of smoke, is dealt with by a smokers' post in two ways. For one, falling cigarettes are denied oxygen by the long neck, which snuffs them out if their owner was careless. For two, the hole is far too small to put anything but cigarettes, so even if one miraculously managed to stay lit, it would find nothing to fuel its fire.

Wall-mounted urns are very utilitarian. They're just discreet boxes with small holes in them that - of course - mount on your wall. They're not pretty like the smokers' posts, but they're cheaper. What's more, many places don't want to encourage smoking, but rather tolerate it as unavoidable. If you want to send this message, a wall-mounted urn is for you.

The big economical problem with the smokers' post and the wall-mounted urn is that unless you want to rip your trash into tiny pieces, it's impossible to put anything else in them. This means that you either have to buy an ashtray and hope that your customers put their cigarettes in it while carrying their burger wrappers and scrap pieces of paper with them (not likely) or buy a trashcan. This is expensive and, if you're starved for space, cramped. Don't worry, though -there's a solution and it's called the combined trashcan and ashtray. Exactly what its title says it is, this economises on money, time (for emptying), and space. If thrift is what you're after, then this is the ashtray for you.

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