



PENNSYLVANIA
COST OF USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS

CIGARETTES

Smoking is a costly habit. Major brands of cigarettes purchased in Pennsylvania cost from \$3.85 to \$5.10 a pack or an average of \$4.48 a pack. This does not include a 6% Pennsylvania sales tax. Generic brands are from \$2.75 to \$2.95 a pack without Pennsylvania sales tax.

<u>Daily Use</u>	<u>Cost/Month</u>	<u>Cost/Year</u>
½ pack	\$67.95	\$752.64
1 pack	\$135.90	\$1,630.80
1½ packs	\$203.85	\$2,446.20
2 packs	\$271.80	\$3,261.60
2½ packs	\$339.75	\$4,077.00
3 packs	\$407.70	\$4,892.40

If you smoked one pack of cigarettes a day for ten years, you have spent \$16,308 which has gone up in smoke. If you quit, what can you buy for \$1,630.80 a year?

- Family vacation to many places (most places your family may want to go)
- A new computer and printer
- Heating bills paid for 1 year
- 200 hair cuts
- Down payment on a car
- A college fund (\$2500/year for 10 years will send your child to many colleges)
- New furniture
- 10 years of internet service
- Money in your savings account for a rainy day
- 25 weeks of healthy groceries
- 1 ½ years cell phone service



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SMOKELESS TOBACCO

Smokeless tobacco is especially attractive to young boys. A can of snuff costs approximately \$3.95.

<u>Daily Use</u>	<u>Cost/Month</u>	<u>Cost/Year</u>
¼ can	\$30.03	\$360.36
½ can	\$60.06	\$720.72
¾ can	\$90.09	\$1,081.08
1 can	\$119.82	\$1,437.84

If you used ½ can of smokeless tobacco each day for ten years, you have spent \$720.72. Think of what you can buy with that money.

OTHER WAYS THAT SMOKING COSTS MONEY

- Health costs connected to smoking are expensive. Thirty percent of all cancers and 80% of all lung cancers can be connected to smoking. Smokers are twice as likely to get hearth disease.
- Smokers are more likely to have chronic respiratory diseases. Infant mortality is connected to pregnant women who smoke.
- Smokeless tobacco results in increased cavities and gum disease. A dentist can spot gum loss three months after a person starts using smokeless tobacco.
- Cigarettes are the leading cause of home fires where someone dies.
- Life insurance premiums are higher, up to twice as much.

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