

The Root strives to be a physically and financially accessible space.

What this looks like for us is:

- We are striving to be fragrance-free
 - see inside for details
- Wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom
- Two wheelchair-accessible parking spaces
- Use of the space is by donation
- No nuts of any kind, especially peanuts.

For Programs, Events, and Forums Hosted by The Root Social Justice Center

- ASL interpretation available upon request
 - please contact us ahead of time
- Childcare available upon request
 - please contact us ahead of time

**We cannot guarantee that other events hosted at The Root have interpretation, childcare, or are fragrance-free. However, we encourage groups using The Root to make their events and gatherings accessible in these ways.



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ACCESSIBILITY AT THE ROOT



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Why Be Fragrance-Free

Many people in our community become ill when exposed to manufactured fragrances such as those contained in personal care and laundry products.

The Root strives to be fragrance-free as part of our overall efforts to increase accessibility. Making our events and space fragrance-free is acting from our values of community, wellness, human dignity and mutual aid. We realize that this involves a change for many people and we thank you for your efforts in contributing to making The Root accessible.

How to Be Fragrance-Free

Being fragrance-free means arriving with no fragrance on your body, hair or clothes. Some products that contain fragrance may not smell strongly to you. Check the label for ingredients: when you see “fragrance,” “natural fragrance,” or “perfume,” it means it is NOT fragrance-free. When you see “Fragrance-Free” or “Unscented” it is probably safe, you can still check the ingredients to be sure.

Products that may contain fragrances include perfume, cologne, shampoo and other hair items, soap, lotion, aftershave, sunscreen, bug repellent, deodorant, makeup, laundry detergent and dryer sheets. These products are available in fragrance-free, except for perfume/cologne.

For a short, one-time event, you can be relatively fragrance-free without purchasing new products

Leave off all products that are optional (such as perfume, cologne, aftershave, lotion, hair gel)

Replace scented deodorant with witch hazel, rubbing alcohol, or baking soda.

Choose your outfit in advance. Wash it with baking soda in place of detergent, and then dry it without dryer sheets.

If there is a scented product that you must use during the day, think about timing—at least avoid using it during the event or immediately before it starts.

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Further Information

List of fragrance-free products that are widely available (including many POC-specific products), <http://eastbaymeditation.org/accessibility/scentfree.html>.

Chemical sensitivities, fragrances, race and gender <http://www.brownstargirl.org/blog/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15>

Information for event organizers, including sample language for fragrance-free requests <http://thinkagaintraining.com/about/fragrance-free>

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