

Vaping Device Disposal Guide

For Marin County Schools



Vaping Device Waste is Hazardous and Toxic

Vaping devices, e-cigarettes, and flavor cartridges are hazardous waste as they contain liquid nicotine, lithium batteries, and other toxic substances. It is essential that these items are disposed of properly at a qualified Hazardous Waste facility, as:

- Lithium batteries in vaping devices can cause fires in storage locations, garbage trucks, and landfills.
- E-liquid containing toxic chemicals can leak into the ground and waterways, contaminating the environment.

Safe Handling, Storage, and Disposal

Vaping devices **CANNOT** be recycled, and it is illegal to put them in standard trash bins.

1. Follow your district's hazardous waste handling guidelines (e.g. wearing gloves) to limit exposure to harmful chemicals
2. Place devices in the designated container and be sure to close the lid tightly.
 - a. If the device is the first one in the bin, write the accumulation date on the yellow Hazardous Waste label.
 - b. If the device is leaking, put it in a sealed plastic bag prior to placing it in the container.
3. Store the container in a locked office.
4. At the end of the semester or when the contents weigh 2.2 lbs (whichever comes first), contact the Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility at (415) 456-2665 to schedule a drop off appointment or your site's hazardous waste contractor to coordinate removal.

Vaping Device Disposal Kit



Used Battery Container

1 per site issued



Nitrile Gloves

2 pairs per site issued
Maintain stock at site



Luggage Scale

1 per site issued



Hazardous Waste Label

1 per bin issued



Clear, Sealable Bags

10 per site issued
Maintain stock at site



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