

# Electronic Smoking Device Disposal Guide

for Boulder County schools



Colorado law requires that all schools be tobacco and electronic vapor product-free. This guide will help school staff consistently dispose of these products properly and ensure that school campuses remain tobacco and vape-free.

## E-Cigarette Waste is Hazardous for the Environment

Nicotine and other toxic substances in e-cigarettes, vape pens, and cartridges are considered hazardous waste, and should be disposed of properly at the Hazardous Materials Management Facility in Boulder. When not disposed of properly:

- E-liquid can leak into the ground causing hazardous chemicals to contaminate the environment
- Vape batteries can start landfill fires

Cartridges and pods can't be recycled and should not be disposed of in trash bins.

## Safe Storage, Handling & Proper Disposal

Confiscate any vaping device and/or vape paraphernalia (e.g. e-liquid, cartridge) you see being used by a student. When handling vaping devices use gloves when possible to limit your exposure to harmful chemicals.

- Place devices, all components, and e-liquid in a designated bin and secure the lid.
- If a device, e-liquid bottle, or pod is leaking, place it in a sealable plastic bag (e.g. Ziploc) before placing it into the disposal bin. Be sure to wear gloves when handling a leaking device/liquid bottle.
- If a device is the first one in the bin, please add the date to the "accumulation start date" on the Hazardous Waste label.
- Securely store disposal bins in a locked administrative office that does not have student access.



When the waste reaches the line on the disposal bin (or at the end of the school year, whichever comes first, call Environmental Services or whoever might manage the hazardous waste at your location or site. Be sure to let staff and administration know about waste collection and these bins.

## E-Cigarette Waste Disposal Kit Supplies



### Used Battery Container

one per site  
9.75"Lx7.75"Wx9.625"H  
PIG: DRM136; Grainger  
Item: 381P51



### Nitrile or latex gloves

keep a few pairs on site



### Vaping Guidelines Sticker

5"x5" Matte white Vinyl  
Sticker  
one per bin



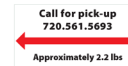
### Hazardous Waste Label

one per bin



### Clear sealable bags

keep a few bags on site



### Vape Bin Fill Line Sticker

4"x2" Clear Stickers

To request supplies, contact the Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership at 303.413.7567

## Learn More

**Nicotine Exposure or Poisoning:** Call Poison Control at 1.800.222.1222  
**Disposal:** Call Environmental Services at 720.561.5693

**Hazardous Materials:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility at 720.564.2243  
**Tobacco or Vaping and Health:** Call Boulder County Public Health at 303.413.7568

