

General Advice Regarding Storing and Disposing of Vapes

Currently there is no Council collection available specifically for vapes (commercially or otherwise) and it is not envisaged that this will change in the foreseeable future.

Disposable vapes should **never** be put in a domestic or public bin as the batteries can pose a fire risk.

They can be disposed of in dedicated containers at household waste recycling centres or returned to vaping stores which offer a retailer take back service.

Please see further guidance below.

Schools Guidance

The Department for Education published, '[Searching, Screening and Confiscation Advice for Schools](#)' in July 2022.

Single use disposable vapes should **never** be disposed of in normal waste bins.

Where single use disposable vapes are confiscated or found in waste bins, schools need to ensure they have appropriate means in place to store and dispose of these safely.

Single use disposable vapes awaiting disposal, should be stored in a fire-resistant cabinet or box, in small quantities and away from other combustible materials. For example, a small metal storage container with a lid that can be closed. Volumes should be kept to the minimum and disposed of regularly. Keep away from sources of ignition and other combustible materials. Storage should be in a cool, dry place and away from children and other vulnerable persons.

City Depot HWRC and all [HWRCs](#) in Hampshire have vape disposal bins, there is no limit to the number that can be taken there.

A risk assessment should be carried out to ensure the safe storage, transportation and disposal of single use disposable vapes, which should be communicated to all staff as appropriate.

Further Information

[Managing Vaping in Schools](#)

[New National Vaping Guidance for Schools \(released by Action on Smoking Health - ASH\)](#)

[E-Cigarettes and Vaping: Policy, Regulation and Guidance – GOV.UK](#)

[Lithium batteries and their safe storage, transport, use and disposal, including re-use and re-cycling](#)

[Waste prevention and recycling | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

[ESA Summer fire campaign supporters guide](#)

For help to stop smoking go to [Quit smoking - Better Health - NHS](#)

Note, this guidance can be applied to the storage and disposal of any lithium batteries.

Examples of Fire Campaign Social Vapes Posters.

Example 1.



Example 2.

