

Vape Disposal Guide for schools in Dakota County



How to properly dispose of vape products and support tobacco and vape-free school campuses.



Vaping devices and electronic cigarettes are hazardous waste

Minnesota law requires electronic smoking devices to be handled properly to prevent fires and exposure to toxic substances. Nicotine and other toxic substances in e-cigarettes, vape pens, batteries and cartridges are considered hazardous waste and **cannot go in the trash or recycling**.

Safe storage, handling and disposal

Use the vape disposal box to collect and store items and to prevent risk of exposure and fires. Liquid nicotine can be absorbed through skin and cause accidental poisoning.

1. Collect all vape pens, e-cigarettes, cartridges, pods and liquids used in devices.
2. Turn off devices to prevent fires if there is an on/off option.
3. Bury device in protective material inside the box. If a device, e-liquid bottle, or pod is leaking, put on gloves and place items in a sealable plastic baggie before placing in the box.



Vape disposal kit supplies

- Vape disposal box with protective material — one per school.
- Nitrile or latex gloves — keep near box.
- Clear, sealable baggies — keep near box.

4. Record the date and number of devices placed in the box on your tracking form. Use this form when you schedule your disposal appointment.
5. Secure lid and keep the box in a locked office.
6. When the box is full and at the end of the school year, schedule an appointment with the Dakota County Very Small Quantity Generator program. Bring the collection box to your appointment at The Recycling Zone in Eagan. The collection box will be emptied and returned. Additional protective material can be provided upon request. All disposal fees are waived for school-collected vaping devices.

Schedule an appointment for disposal:

952-891-7800, vsqg@co.dakota.mn.us

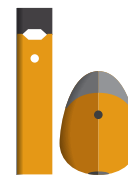
For more information, visit

www.dakotacounty.us, search *vape disposal*.

Vape examples



Disposable Vape/e-cigarettes



Pod Mods, Other Vapes



Vape Pods



Vape Pens



Box, Tanks or Mods

Community Resources

Nicotine exposure or poisoning

Poison Control 800-222-1222

Tobacco or vaping awareness and prevention

Dakota County Public Health 651-554-6100
public.health@co.dakota.mn.us

Hazardous waste disposal

Dakota County Recycling Zone 952-891-7800
recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us



Dakota County Environmental Resources for Schools