

Found an E cig? Now What?



Can E cigs be put in the drug drop box?

- E-cigarettes contain a lithium Ion Battery and a small circuit board that both need to be managed as hazardous waste. Schools that confiscate e-cigarettes can bring them to the Washington County Environmental Center under our abandoned Waste Policy. <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center>
- The Vape Juice containing nicotine is considered a poison and therefore requires disposal as a hazardous waste. Schools that confiscate these items can also bring to the WCEC under the same policy.
- Vape Juice containing illicit drugs including THC (Marijuana) or other controlled substances should be disposed of through the sheriffs program either through the pickup of controlled substances at the end of the school year or through any investigation with the local PD.
- Do not bring controlled substances to the WCEC.

Can parents/citizens who find THC capsules for vaping devices dispose of them in the drug drop boxes? Most parents would be reluctant to drop them off at the PD because they wouldn't want to get their kid in trouble.

- Yes THC or other drugs for vaping can be put in the drop boxes. The environmental impact is negligible and it's a controlled substance so parents should probably not be driving around with it. It could go in the trash, but the easiest message is it can be placed in the drug drop box because the nicotine should not be placed in the trash. www.co.washington.mn.us/meds



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