

# Smoke Gets In Your Eyes: Proper Disposal of E-Cigarettes, Vaping Devices and E-Liquids



**E-CIGARETTES / VAPE DEVICES / E-LIQUIDS  
ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE  
DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS**

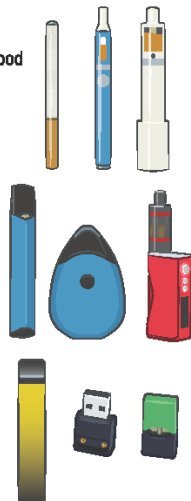
**DO NOT REMOVE BATTERIES  
Place in plastic zip-type bag  
BRING TO ecopark -- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

**ecopark HOURS OF OPERATION**

Wednesday..... 1pm - 6:30pm  
Saturday..... 7:30am - 1pm  
(Closed on Holidays)

10 Avion Drive Rochester, NY 14624

- **E-Cigarettes:**  
Disposable, Prefilled or Refillable - No tank or pod  
Cartridge attached to pen containing battery
- **Tanks / Mods:**  
Designed for multiple uses  
Can be filled with different substances and  
modified to vary voltage
- **Pod Mods:**  
E-cigarette or vaping device with prefilled  
OR refillable pod,  
OR pod cartridge with modifiable pod system;  
Come in many sizes, shapes, colors  
Compatible prefilled pod cartridges that  
contain nicotine, THC, or CBD –  
with or without flavors
- **E-Liquids:**  
Typically a mixture of water, flavoring,  
choice of nicotine levels or cannabis



In early 2022, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services was approached by the Monroe County Department of Public Health, the local chapter of the American Lung Association, and the Monroe County School Boards Association to discuss a growing problem: the disposal of vapes, e-cigarettes and associated fluids.

These products and their associated e-liquids are considered hazardous wastes and are prohibited from being disposed of in the trash.

Additionally, the devices can also contain lithium batteries, which present fire and explosion hazards to waste workers.

Working alongside these groups, the Monroe County / WM ecopark developed a protocol and an educational component for proper disposal of these ubiquitous devices:

- Residents can now properly dispose of the devices and liquids via a **residential drop off twice a week, every week at the ecopark, no appointment necessary.** Materials should be placed in a plastic bag.
- Schools, universities and the like can dispose of these materials via the County's CESQG (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator) program. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) for necessary forms and procedures.

Monroe County's e-cigarette, vape device and e-liquid takeback program is the first in New York State and among a handful of similar programs in the United States. Monroe County leadership has been contacted by many municipalities from throughout New York State for the details to begin similar programs.

For more information, including downloadable posters and an information card, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark-electronics#ecig>.