

Safer Disposal of Single-Use Vapes

Hundreds of millions of single-use/ disposable vapes are being sold in the UK that are helping millions of smokers to stop smoking cigarettes and remain smoke-free.

Single-use/ disposable vapes are, however, one of the most difficult to dispose of responsibly, mainly due to the built-in battery which is challenging to remove. It is essential to keep their environmental impact to a minimum so instead of binning, these need to be disposed of separately from general waste and recycling.

What should we do with used single-use/ disposable vapes?

Vapes contain lithium batteries that can cause fires. Never throw disposable vapes in any bins! They must be returned to a vape retailer or taken to a dedicated collection point at your local HWRC [Waste Prevention and Recycling](#), [Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#). For more information visit www.takecharge.org.uk

9.1% of adults in England use vapes, mostly smokers and ex-smokers and there is good evidence that vapes containing nicotine increase quit rates compared to NRT. Re-fillable vapes cause less waste and should be disposed of in the same way. Vape users must be given the correct information on how to safely dispose of their used products.

**For further information please contact the team at Southampton Smokefree Solutions at: southampton.smokefreesolutions@nhs.net.
For information and support on stopping smoking go to:
[Quit smoking - Better Health - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)**

