

TOXIC TOBACCO & VAPE WASTE DISPOSAL

Why is the Waste Toxic?

- Cigarettes butts are the most littered item on earth (Novotny et al., 2009)
- Vapes have higher levels of heavy metals than cigarettes (Salazar et al., 2025)
- Nicotine pouches have high levels of formaldehyde (Travis et al., 2024)

Safe Disposal Guidelines for Grounds and Landscaping

Always wear gloves!

Bagged in a ziplock bag & thrown in the general waste

Cigarette Butts, Filters & Nicotine Pouches



Plastic Mouth Pieces for Cannabis & Tobacco



Bagged in a ziplock bag & taken to a Hazardous Household Waste site

All E-cigarette & Vape Components



Cannabis must be taken to CSUSM UPD. If battery is removable, dispose of it in the lithium waste