

Fire Safety - Vapes



When you put vapes in your general waste or recycling bins, did you know you're putting other people in danger?

When vapes are crushed, the lithium-ion batteries inside them become extremely flammable. This causes problems in collection vehicles as recycling or waste is crushed in the back of the vehicle to make space.

If a fire breaks out in the back of a vehicle, both the collection crew and the general public will be in danger until the fire is extinguished. It will also slow down the collection service and cause traffic to build up whilst the emergency services deal with the fire.

Improperly disposed of vapes also pose a fire risk at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) - the place recycling is taken to be sorted after it's been collected.

At MRFs, recycling is sorted before being crushed into bales that are taken to other facilities to be turned into new materials or products. If a vape is mixed in with other recycling it could cause a fire which would put the people working in the MRF in direct danger. It also renders the other recyclable materials in the bale non-recyclable.

So what should you do with used vapes? Take them back to where you bought them. By law, sellers must take back old vape products.



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A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT...

SCAN HERE TO REPORT ANY FIRE OR STRUCTURAL CONCERNS TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

For repairs call 0121 216 3330 or email housingrepairsonline@birmingham.gov.uk

RESET RESHAPE RESTART

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Christmas and New Year Waste Collection Schedule

| Scheduled Collection Date | Actual Collection Date |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 25th December | 29th December |
| 26th December | 30th December |
| 29th December | 31 December |
| 30th December | 1st January |
| 31st December | 2nd January |
| 1st January | 3rd January |
| 2nd January | 4th January |
| 5th January | 5th January |

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7 Cool Ways to Keep Warm

Warm yourself first !

Although our first instinct might be to crank up the central heating boiler, it's actually more cost efficient (and eco-friendly) to get our internal body temperature up first. It's simple. Put on warm socks, wear slippers, wear multiple thin layers of clothes, and snuggle up in a cosy throw blanket.



Block draughts

Keep doors closed and seal up windows and doors to save money and keep in the heat.

- ✓ Hang thick, heavy or lined curtains at windows and internal doors to reduce draughts.
- ✓ Stick on window seal can be bought from most DIY stores and the centre aisles of some supermarkets. It's easy to fit and cheap.



- ✓ Fit draught excluders to the bottom of doors or make your own using old clothes

(see YouTube for instructions)



Re-arrange furniture

- ✓ Move beds and sofas away from external walls and, if possible, doors and windows.
- ✓ Move all large items of furniture 1cm from all walls to improve warm air flow.

Bedding Swap

In the summer, crisp, cold sheets are great, but when winter comes, change for "cosy feel" or flannel. Flannel won't shock your system as you crawl into bed and they'll stay warm and toasty.

A thicker duvet and duvet cover are also easy additions to your winter bedroom which will help keep you warm.

Warm drinks...warm soup...warm tummy

Indulge in hot drinks to get a sense of comfort and warmth. They don't actually raise our core body temperature, but holding a warm mug of coffee, tea or cocoa tells our brain that it does!



Bake cakes and cookies !

This is a win-win... you get the warmth of the oven spilling out into your home and you get to eat delicious cakes and cookies. If you've never baked, there are lots of simple recipes on the internet and/or YouTube. (This would also work with dinner, but it's not as much fun.)

Cuddle Up

Chilly nights are no match for a serious cuddle session on the couch with your warm-blooded family members! A fat cat on the lap is also better than any space heater out there.

Pet of the Month

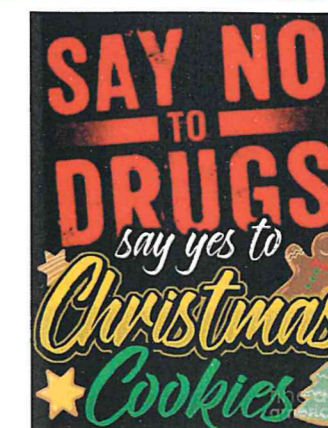
Hello. My name is "Moochie" as it's one of my favourite things to do.

I've had a very interesting first year at Holly Rise.

When I arrived, I was called "Cat" as I'd been taken in as a stray. I came here with 2 other cats when our guardian moved to Southam House, although I've since moved to Claverdon House.

I met my new hooman when they came to do the TMO Welcome Meeting. They fell in love with me. I moved to Claverdon House that same day! At first, they called me "Charlie", but as I began to show my true personality, they started to call me "Moochie".

I'm very happy in my new home as I don't have to share my hooman. I also have the whole flat to myself. What's also really nice, is I still get to see my "old mum" and hear what my furry friends have been doing when she pops in for a cup of tea.



Christmas decor isn't meant to be sleek and minimalist, it is supposed to look like joy threw up in your house.

