

The Do's and Don'ts of Vape Recycling



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Where can I take my vape waste? Can I return used products to the shop? Are vapes even recyclable...?

Understanding how to correctly dispose of your vapes can be tricky and you may well find yourself asking these very questions as you try to figure out what to do with your used device and products.

The latest research by Material Focus tells us that 77% of UK vapers feel there is 'not enough information about how to recycle vapes'.

This handy guide has been put together to help you better understand how to dispose of your vape and enable consumers to reduce their impact on the environment as they make the lifechanging decision to quit smoking.

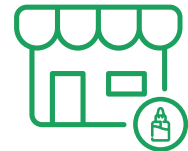
First things first

Contrary to popular belief, vaping products can and should be recycled through the correct waste channels. Unfortunately, an estimated 8.2 million vapes are thrown away every week or recycled incorrectly.



Check it out

Always check to see if your local retailer offers a vape waste take-back scheme as they are required to do so by law. If you can't find any in-store collection bins, don't be afraid to ask an employee for help.



Location, location, location

If you're not sure where you should take your vape waste, use the **'Recycle Your Electricals' online locator tool** - which is overseen by Material Focus - to find an appropriate recycling point near you.



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Don't forget that it's not just your vape device that's recyclable, but any paper inserts and cardboard packaging as well. Make sure you dispose of these in the correct bin instead of just throwing them away with general household waste.



From disposable to reusable

Single-use vapes are due to be banned from June 1, 2025, partially due to concerns about their impact on the planet. If you are currently a disposable user, you are encouraged to make the transition to a reusable and less impactful alternative - such as a pod or tank system. It is not advised you return to smoking, which has significant health and environmental harms.

