

# Vapes don't just disappear in a puff of smoke

Everything you need to know ahead of the single-use vape ban on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

*Did you know?*

**8.2 million**

vapes are thrown away every week in the UK.

To put that into context, that's roughly the equivalent of...

**18 X**

the number of elephants in the world.

**91 X**

the capacity of Wembley Stadium.

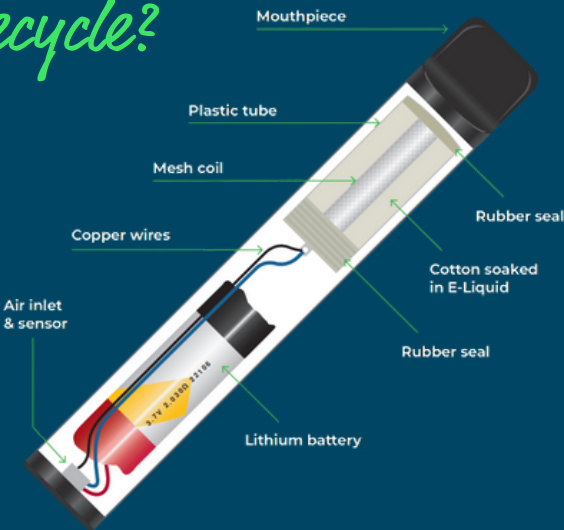
## That's where the Single Use Vape Ban comes in...



The UK government has announced a ban on the sale and supply of single-use (disposable) vapes in England, effective from 1 June 2025. This measure aims to address environmental concerns and reduce youth vaping. The prohibition applies to all single-use vapes, including those without nicotine. From the enforcement date, it will be illegal to sell, supply, or possess for sale any disposable vape devices in England.

## Why are vapes challenging to recycle?

Vapes are difficult to recycle because they contain a complex mix of materials like plastic, metal, glass, and electronics, all tightly sealed within a small device. Most notably, they include lithium-ion batteries, which pose a fire risk if damaged during processing. The presence of residual nicotine or e-liquid makes them hazardous, further complicating safe handling. Additionally, the lack of standardized design across brands makes automated recycling nearly impossible, and many users dispose of vapes in regular bins rather than through proper e-waste channels. All of these factors contribute to their significant environmental impact.



## How you can prepare

- ✓ Advise customers of the upcoming ban to reduce any surprises on the day.
- ✓ Understand your stock. If you're likely to have left-over stock after 1<sup>st</sup> June, contact us today to arrange for surplus stock to be collected and recycled.
- ✓ Continue to offer a vape recycling bin on-site, for any remaining single use vapes from customers, and any end-of-life reusable vapes. (This is required under WEEE regulations!)
- ✓ Contact Reconomy Connect 🤝



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