

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

THE IMPACT OF PLASTIC ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Single-use plastics are items made to be used once and thrown away – like straws, bags, and wrappers. These products never fully breakdown but instead turn into smaller pieces called micro-plastics which can kill wildlife and poison our oceans, ecosystems, and even the air we breathe.

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND VAPE WASTE

Vapes and all of their parts are considered single-use plastics. After use, all of these items are considered hazardous, toxic vape waste. It is estimated that over one billion pieces of plastic vape waste is created each year, and there is no safe way to dispose of any of it.

VAPE WASTE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

One vape creates three types of toxic waste: plastic waste (vape, carts, and pods) biohazardous waste (nicotine), and electronic waste (battery), and each needs to be disposed of separately! Vape companies don't give instructions on how to safely dispose of their products, so most vape waste is thrown away, flushed, or littered. Vape batteries have exploded in trash facilities, and the carts and pods can leak heavy metals and toxins into soil and water, harming both wildlife and humans.

DISPOSABLE VAPES

Disposable vapes like Puff Bar and Flum are products that can only be used once. These single-use plastic products have been heavily marketed to young people. In fact, there was a 1000% increase in use among high school students last year, and there is currently no way to safely dispose of any of these products.



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