

This week Dublin’s Q102 spoke to Voice Ireland about their campaign to ban disposable vapes.

**Did you know…**

* In the UK, millions of disposable vapes are bought weekly, but less than a thousand can be recycled.
* An estimated 90 tons of lithium and 1,600 tons of copper were used for the global production of
* Single-use vapes in 2022 – the amount needed to produce 11,000 electric vehicles

**How are disposable vapes affecting the environment?**

* Disposable vapes contain vital materials like lithium ion batteries and copper that are vital to the production of electric cars.
* Lithium demand will soar by 35 times by 2050 with incoming legislation that ban the sales of new combustion engine vehicles by 2035.
* An estimated 90 tons of lithium and 1,600 tons of copper were used for the global production of single-use vapes in 2022 – the amount needed to produce 11,000 electric vehicles.

**How can I help stop the pollution caused by disposable vapes?**

* Voice Ireland and Minister of State Ossian Smyth are calling on the public to sign a petition to ban the use and sale of disposable vapes.
* If you buy these vapes, don’t litter or throw on the sides of the street.

**Here’s a few websites if you want to know more !**

[Vaping in Ireland](https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/826a1-public-consultation-on-disposable-vaping-devices/)

[Ban Disposable Vapes Ireland](https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/826a1-public-consultation-on-disposable-vaping-devices/)

