

The Take AIR (Take Action for Inhaler Recycling) Scheme

12 million people in the UK have a chronic respiratory illness



and every year

73 million inhalers are used.^{1,2}

77%

of people would recycle their inhalers regularly if they could post them to a recycling centre.³

The Leicestershire **Take AIR (Take Action for Inhaler Recycling)** scheme, will enable you to safely and effectively recycle your empty, unwanted or expired inhalers through the post. The service is currently only available in the Leicestershire area.



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ACTION FOR INHALER RECYCLING

227 pharmacies in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have been invited to participate.



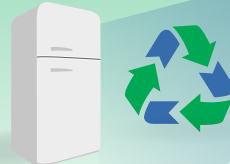
Talk to your pharmacist about the **Take AIR** scheme.

Plastic made into pellets and recycled.



Aluminum crushed and recycled.

Non-recyclable materials will be converted into energy through a process called *energy-from-waste*.⁴



Propellant gas extracted and recycled.

How it works



Sealed envelopes are returned to the recycling plant through your local letter box.

Each envelope can fit up to four inhalers – any brand and type.

All inhalers - of any brand and type - can also still be returned to ANY community pharmacy for safe disposal.

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