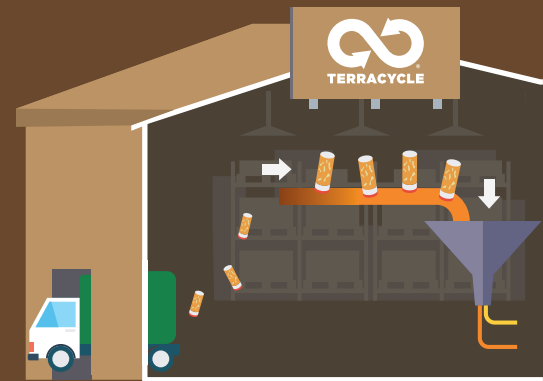


HOW ARE CIGARETTE BUTTS RECYCLED?

If you are a member of the Cigarette Waste Recycling Program, then you've probably asked yourself at one point or another: how in the world do you recycle a cigarette butt? Well, the answer may surprise you! Cigarettes are comprised of multiple components, and require a unique process for recycling.

Collection

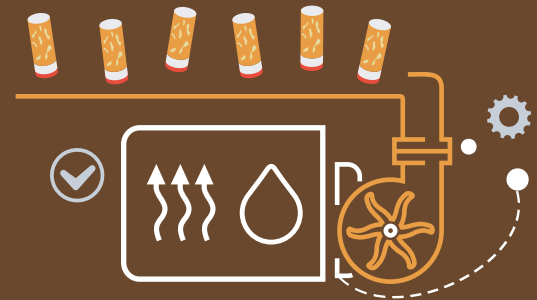
Cigarette butts are collected and shipped to TerraCycle by organizations and individuals like you. The collected butts are aggregated and stored in our local warehouse where they are prepared for processing.



Processing

Cigarettes butts are comprised of residual tobacco, paper, and a filter.

- The residual tobacco and paper are separated out and composted.
- The filter, which is made of a white synthetic fiber called cellulose acetate, is thoroughly cleaned, melted, and pelletized using a method called extrusion.



Conversion

The cellulose acetate pellets are then combined with other plastics, such as polyethylene or polypropylene, and used for new plastic products such as ashtrays, shipping pallets, or plastic lumber.

