



Guide

# Applelec Recycling Scheme

Sustainable Solutions for a Brighter Future.



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# Closing the Loop on Applelec Products.



Being a British trade manufacturer in a high-waste sector gives us both influence and responsibility, and we take that seriously. At Applelec, we're all about making changes – from how we operate to the products we supply. We know that these positive changes flow down the supply chain, allowing us to make a real impact on the signage, display, and architectural lighting industries.

## Recognition for our efforts

Our sustainability journey was recognised by Made in Britain at the Impact Awards 2022, where our Applelec ECO Pledge won Employee Engagement Campaign of the Year and was shortlisted for Sustainable Initiative of the Year. This commitment to circular design was further acknowledged when the Applelec Recycling Scheme was shortlisted in the Sustainable Initiative of the Year category at the 2025 Impact Awards, recognising its transformative role in reducing waste across the industry. More recently, our ECO Letters won Best Eco Product of the Year at the VM & Display Awards 2025, with our ECO Lightbox also shortlisted for the same award in 2024.

## Quality craftsmanship that lasts

With nearly 30 years of manufacturing experience, Applelec is known for quality craftsmanship and long-lasting products. We carefully select our partners to uphold these standards, resulting in durable products with industry-leading warranties. Our commitment to quality naturally reduces turnover, but we wanted to go further. That's why we've launched the first phase of our forward-thinking **Applelec Recycling Scheme**, giving our customers a straightforward, responsible way to recycle a range of our products at the end of their life, which we hope to continue to develop.

## Where your products go

We've partnered with dedicated recycling facilities to ensure our products are dismantled and recycled responsibly. Wherever possible, materials are reused to maintain full circularity, cutting down landfill and carbon footprint. When recycling back into itself isn't feasible, we work with carbon-neutral waste providers to make the best use of materials, such as turning waste into energy.

## Applelec Products we currently accept for recycling

- Applelec LED Light Sheet
- Green Applelec LED Light Sheet
- Applelec ECO Letters
- Applelec ECO Lightbox



"All three companies on the shortlist have achieved remarkable progress in this area - with Applelec the very worthy winner of this year's award."

**Professor Chris Harrop OBE**

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# Supporting re-use and refurbishment



In addition to recycling, we also now offer refurbishment services, on specific products, to extend the products lifespan, reducing the need for replacements and in turn waste, giving our customers a new avenue to re-use and update their existing products.

## How to participate

### For recycling:

For qualifying products, please email [recycling@applelec.co.uk](mailto:recycling@applelec.co.uk) to let us know what you want to send back to us. We will give you a returns code, along with an address to send it back too. Once we receive the product, the team will disassemble the product into its components parts and send them to the relevant recycling partners, taking care of the whole process for you.

### For refurbishment:

For qualifying products, please email [recycling@applelec.co.uk](mailto:recycling@applelec.co.uk) and let us know what you want refurbishing and our sales team will be back in touch with a quote for the work.

### Eco engineering:

Have a project or scheme that you want to improve the sustainability on, let our team know and we can suggest eco friendly and/or energy efficient materials.

### Together we can create lasting change.

For more information about this scheme and our commitment to sustainability, view our [Applelec Sustainability Brochure](#)

## Applelec Products we currently accept for refurbishment

- LED replacements in
  - Applelec letters
  - Lightboxes
  - Snapframes
  - Light engines
  - Applelec LED Light Sheet
- Replacement eco friendly lightbox skins
- Re-painting of
  - letter shells
  - lightbox frames
  - snapframes



We plant one tree with every order from our eco friendly product range or refurbishment scheme.

Currently there is **1,125 trees** in the Applelec forest



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# We've been shortlisted for sustainable initiative of the year



We're proud to share that the Applelec Recycling and Refurbishment Scheme has been shortlisted for the 2025 Made in Britain Impact Awards in the Sustainability Initiative of the Year category.

This recognition celebrates Applelec's continued commitment to innovation and responsibility within the signage and architectural lighting industry. The scheme provides customers with a simple, sustainable way to return end-of-life Applelec products—such as our LED Light Sheet, ECO Letters, and ECO Lightboxes—for responsible recycling or refurbishment.

By keeping valuable materials in circulation and extending the lifespan of our products, the scheme demonstrates what true circularity can look like in British manufacturing. It's a tangible step forward in reducing waste, conserving resources, and helping our customers make more sustainable choices.

We're honoured to be recognised alongside other like-minded British manufacturers who are driving positive environmental change and proud to be leading the way towards a more circular future.

## Sustainability Initiative of the Year

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