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## FACT SHEET 1

### What are You Doing with Your Contaminated or Unusable Refrigerant?

- Under the Australian Government's ozone depleting and synthetic greenhouse gas laws individuals with a Refrigerant Handling Licence must recover and safely dispose of contaminated and unwanted refrigerant.
- To enable the recovery process, the industry created Refrigerant Reclaim Australia (RRA) to establish and develop an Australia-wide program to take back used and unwanted refrigerant in order to prevent its emission into the atmosphere.
- When you return recovered refrigerant to a wholesaler they weigh and decant it into large cylinders and provide a rebate to you, paid for by the RRA.
- RRA then arranges for the refrigerant to be collected from the wholesaler, tested and then destroyed using the plasma-arc process that transforms it into salts and water.

### How to Dispose of Refrigerant Gas

- If you are a contractor or tradesperson and need to dispose of contaminated or unusable refrigerant gas then follow the four easy steps below:

Step 1: obtain a recovery cylinder from your refrigerant wholesaler. These can be rented or bought.

Step 2: recover the contaminated and unwanted refrigerant from the systems you service in the recovery cylinder.

Step 3: when the cylinder is ready, take it to your refrigeration wholesaler on your next visit.

Step 4: the wholesaler will weigh the cylinder and provide you with a rebate for each kilogram of refrigerant recovered.

For more information visit [www.refrigerantreclaim.com.au](http://www.refrigerantreclaim.com.au) or call Refrigerant Reclaim Australia on (02) 6230 5244.