

# Hamburg Germany Bans Those Nasty Plastic Coffee Pods / K cups



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Even the inventor, John Sylvan, regrets inventing the coffee pods. He says they were initially developed to be used in offices... but somehow ended up in people's homes.

Did you know, that if you were to place all the coffee pods used last year, side by side, they would circle the globe more than TEN times?

It's really a shame to think the social status of owning a Keurig, or similar coffee pod machine, amounts to this much non-degradable trash.

## The Plastic Problem

Even though some manufacturers are attempting to create a style of coffee pod that can be bio-degradable, the chemicals used in the cup are far from non-toxic to the environment.

**"...the pods are extremely difficult to recycle because they are built from a mixture of plastic and aluminium, which most recycling plants can't deal with."**

The politicians and environmentalists of Hamburg, Germany thought Nature was far more important than coffee convenience in a cup... and decided to do something about it.

## Ending The K-Pod Craze

The city of Hamburg decided to take a strong stance against coffee pods, banning them in all state-run buildings.

**“These portion packs cause unnecessary resource consumption and waste generation, and often contain polluting aluminium,” Jan Dube from the Hamburg Department of the Environment and Energy [told the press over the weekend](#).**

**“The capsules can’t be recycled easily because they are often made of a mixture of plastic and aluminium. It’s 6 grams of coffee in 3 grams of packaging. We in Hamburg thought that these shouldn’t be bought with taxpayers’ money.”**

## Going Green... The Future Of Hamburg

Hamburg has been moving forward with environmental decisions on their way to becoming a truly green city in their future.

Among other things, Hamburg has plans to become totally car-free within 20 years and have green spaces instead of combustion filled highways.

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