

# WHAT MAKES A CANDLE VEGAN?

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Simply, most candles are not vegan. Often candles use Stearic Acid or Beeswax in order to harden the candle and improve the scent throw. Vegan Candles will be made from Soy, Coconut or Rapeseed Wax or a blend of those natural vegetable waxes. The quickest way to find out if your candle is vegan is by checking the ingredient list.



The two main ingredients in candles which you should actively look out for are animal fats and beeswax. Though they're added to harden the wax and provide opacity, they're anything but vegan-friendly.

Although, beeswax is a natural wax, it uses bee labor in production. Bees produce beeswax in their hives and in order to forage this, the honeycomb within the hive is also removed. Not only are the bees an unpaid labor force, but they also lose their source of food. That's why candles with beeswax in it are not vegan friendly.

Animal-derived ingredients in candles include Stearic acid. Stearic Acid is a fat derived from pigs, cows, sheep and more. Somewhat confusingly, it can also be derived from coconuts (vegan friendly), but if it's not explicitly stated, then we'd steer clear.

So, what makes a candle vegan? Super simple: plant based wax, lead-free wicks, essential oils, and chemical-free fragrances, approved by the IFRA