

RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL INFORMATION FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Smoke Detectors

If you have an ionizing smoke detector it will say on the detector "contains radioactive material." Manufacturers are currently recommending throwing them in the trash. According to the manufacturers, smoke alarms contain a very small amount of radioactive material which is not harmful to people or the environment.

Contact the manufacturer to see if out-of-service smoke detectors can be returned. Most manufacturers will take back their own detectors and dispose of or recycle the components.

Photoelectric and ionization smoke detectors can also be disposed of with household garbage.



Fire Extinguishers

To dispose of fire extinguishers:
You may put it in the trash provided:

- You release any pressure contained in the canister by shooting a small amount into an open area.
- You let the canister sit for a few days, making sure the pressure has been released.
- Once you are confident there is no longer any pressure, dispose in a trash bag in your regular garbage.

