

PROPANE TANKS: HANDLING AND DISPOSAL

Use caution and know your resources when it comes to **refilling, exchanging, or disposing** of your propane canisters.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Propane canisters can become a **hazard when compressed**. Any remaining contents or pressure, when released, is flammable and could cause a **fire or explosion** at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), in the collection truck, or even in your curbside bin.

BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

Because they **cannot be placed in your recycling cart nor at the recycling drop-off sites**, propane tanks and canisters are accepted at **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events** as well as **local refill or exchange stations**. Find dates and locations at RRRASOC.org!

DOs AND DON'Ts OF PROPANE STORAGE

When transporting a propane canister, **always** keep it in a secure, upright position to avoid falling, shifting, or rolling. **NEVER** keep a propane canister inside a hot vehicle! Tanks that are past their expiration date, damaged, rusted, or unusable should be disposed of through a propane retailer such as **Amerigas** or **Blue Rhino**.

HOW TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF A PROPANE TANK

- Store in a well-ventilated area and under some sort of cover.
- Regularly inspect the valves and indicators.
- Check for leaks. This could mean the valve isn't fully closed or is worn out.

DIFFERENT SIZES, SAME SOLUTION

Whether it's a small propane canister commonly used for camping or a medium-sized one used for at-home grilling, all propane cylinders should be treated as HHW when being disposed of.



Large permanent tanks require more assistance to recycle. Local propane suppliers will have the equipment necessary to safely remove, dispose of, and/or replace them.



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