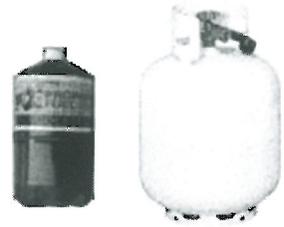


## PROPANE TANKS

Propane tanks are one of the most difficult items for disposal. Because they contain a flammable material, disposal in the trash is not recommended, and most metal recyclers don't want them due to the danger of explosion. They **cannot** be accepted by the Calumet County Clean Sweep. Tank manufacturers recommend that consumers return unusable propane tanks to a local distributor. Residents can check the phone directory for the nearest location of a propane gas distributor. Consumers may want to consider alternatives to small non-refillable propane tanks due to particular difficulty in disposal.



All dealers recommend using up all propane before getting a valve replaced. Check with individual companies for charges for services and/or changes in their policy. This following short list in the Brillion, Chilton, and New Holstein areas contains the most current information available at the time of printing. No endorsement of any business by Calumet County is intended.

Business Name	Address	Phone	Hours of Operation	Specifications
<u>Struebing Iron &amp; Metal</u>	W1109 Deerview Road, Brillion, WI	(920) 756-2334	8 am-4 pm M-F; 8-11 am Sat.	Large tanks accepted for \$1; small tanks accepted free
<u>B &amp; B Metals</u>	14520 Pioneer Road, Newton, WI	(920) 693-8261	7 am-3 pm M-F	Will take if they are empty (must have holes)
<u>Outagamie County Solid Waste Dept</u>	1419 Holland Road, Appleton, WI	(920) 832-5277	7 am-3:30 pm M-F; 7-11 am Sat.	Tanks accepted for \$5

### **NFPA reminds consumers of propane cylinder upgrade**

Effective April 1, 2002, a new provision of an existing safety code developed by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) requires overfilling prevention devices (OPDs) on propane cylinders weighing between 4 and 40 lbs., commonly used for outdoor gas grills, RVs etc. An OPD shuts off the flow of gas to a cylinder after 80% capacity has been reached. This limits the potential for release of gas when the cylinder is heated, averting a fire or possible injury.

Propane cylinders with OPDs can be identified by a triangular hand-wheel. Since 1998, all new propane cylinders from 4 to 40 pound propane capacity have been equipped with OPDs and require no change. Older cylinder models must now be retrofitted with the device before refilling can occur or the cylinder should be discarded properly and replaced with an OPD-equipped cylinder.

Many propane dealers will retrofit older cylinders with an OPD. There is, however, a charge for this. It may be more economical to replace the entire cylinder, especially if it is rusty. In many parts of the U.S., exchange cylinder racks can be used to swap an empty cylinder without an OPD for a full cylinder equipped with an OPD, for a nominal fee, eliminating the need to dispose of the cylinder or to have it retrofitted.