

Disposing of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Most smoke detectors contain a small amount of Americium 241, a radioactive material. On the wall, a smoke detector is safe but if broken open in a landfill, it can pose a health threat. All detectors that contain radioactive components must be labeled accordingly. Smoke detectors are **not** accepted at Northampton County hazardous waste collection events.

Companies that manufacture detectors accept expired units. Please refer to the following table for information regarding the disposal of smoke detectors. When returning, include a note indicating the detector is to be recycled.

Please note: The US Postal Service has strict requirements regarding mailing of hazardous materials. Please consult with the USPS regarding specific requirements. www.about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22334/html/cover_025.htm

Manufacturer/Distributor	Phone Number	Address for Return	Notes
American Sensors/Dicon Global/Garrison or North American	800-387-4219	20 Steelcase Road W. Unit 3 Markham, ON L3R 1B2	Accepts Dicon Global brands only. Call to receive a number and return information.
Family Safety Products	616-530-6540	2879 Remico St. SW Grandville, MI 49418	Accepts Family Safety smoke detectors only.
Firex	800-445-8299	Firex c/o Disposal 28C Leigh Fisher Blvd. El Paso, TX 79906	Website address: www.firexsafety.com
First Alert/BRK	800-323-9005 ext. 2	Customer Service Dept. 3901 Liberty Street Road Aurora, IL 60504	Accepts up to four devices of First Alert/BRK brand at a time. Call ahead for mailing instructions
G.E. Security/ESL	888-437-3287	12345 Southwest Levetan Dr. Tualatin, OR 97062	Accepts G.E. Security/ESL brands only.
Gentex	800-436-8391	600 N. Centennial St. Zeeland, MI 49464	Accepts Gentex smoke detectors only.
Honeywell	800-328-5111	1985 Douglas Dr. North Dock 4 Golden Valley, MN 55422	Accepts Honeywell smoke detectors only.
Kidde/Lifesaver/Nighthawk	800-880-6788 ext. 1	1394 S. Third Mebane, NC 27302	Accepts Kidde brand smoke detectors only.
Masterguard	800-453-3473	801 Hammond St. #200 Coppell, TX 75019	Accepts Masterguard smoke detectors only.
Sears	Local number	Some Sears locations are designated collection sites	Call to find out if local Sears will accept smoke detectors.
System Sensors	800-736-7672 ext. 1	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Accepts System Sensor brand only.
Triad Safety Systems	800-240-7681	4595 Airport Road Kearney, NE 68847	Accepts Triad Safety Systems only.
USI Electric Universal	800-390-321 ext. 1	Attention: Disposal Dept. 7A Gwynns Mill Court Owings Mills, MD 21117	Return only detectors that say "ionization" on the back. Only USI Electric or Universal brand detectors accepted.

Before disposing of smoke detectors, remove any batteries. Alkaline batteries may be recycled or deposited in the trash. Lithium batteries must be saved for a hazardous waste collection.

Carbon monoxide detectors do not contain any hazardous materials. However, they do contain circuit boards and platinum, both of which are worth recycling. Please recycle carbon monoxide detectors.