

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

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WAUKESHA COUNTY RESIDENTS ASKED TO KEEP PROPANE CYLINDERS OUT OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Propane cylinders pose hazards for workers and equipment

(Waukesha, WI) – With peak grilling season around the corner, Waukesha County reminds residents to keep propane containers out of curbside recycling bins and trash containers. Residents should bring propane cylinders or tanks to local retail stores.

"Propane tanks or other compressed gas cylinders – even if empty – can be extremely dangerous for collection and recycling facility workers and should stay out of curbside bins," said Analiese Smith, Recycling & Solid Waste Supervisor for Waukesha County. "These items can also cause costly damage to the equipment at the facilities."

Propane tanks can be returned or exchanged at participating local retail stores. Residents are encouraged to ask if the store is participating in a take-back program when they are purchasing propane cylinders. Residents are also encouraged to refresh their recycling knowledge by reviewing the Curbside Recycling Guide at <u>www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling</u>.

For more detailed information on product disposal, visit <u>www.waukeshacounty.gov/productdisposal</u>, call 262-896-8300 or download the free <u>Waukesha</u> <u>County Recycles</u> mobile app on the App Store or Google Play Store.

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About the Department of Parks and Land Use

The Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, working through a combination of collaboration, education and regulation is dedicated to fostering economic development, sound land use, and the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the County's natural resources and health of its citizens.

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