

# BBQ Tanks

## 20 lb. Propane BBQ Tanks:

The companies listed below accept 20 pound barbecue tanks. They may charge a nominal fee. Before placing a tank in your car, empty it through normal use of your grill and seal with a plastic cap. Propane tanks come with a cap to insure safety in transit. Most hardware stores and propane distributors sell replacement caps.

If your barbecue tank can be refilled, consider giving it to a neighbor or a friend to use.

**Brookfield Metal Company** - 280 Lamont Street, Elmsford, NY (914) 592-5250  
(Brookfield requires that the main valve be removed from the tank before delivery. Call Brookfield for instructions.)

**Tech Air** - 465 Knollwood Road, White Plains, NY (914) 949-5151

**Columbia Propane** - Route 6, Brewster, NY (845) 279-8414

**American Compressed Gases** - 834 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY (914) 968-8708

**Synergy Gas** - Route 9 and Lions Road, Cold Spring, NY 1(800) 341-3637

Note: Inclusion of a company on this list is not an endorsement by the County of Westchester.



## 1 to 2 lb. Propane BBQ Tanks:

Residual gas should be burned off through proper use of the grill. Empty tanks may be disposed of in the garbage or on bulk pick-up days. Call your local recycling office for information.

# Remember - buy only what you need...

# Use all that you buy!

Note: Disposal and recycling instructions contained in this pamphlet apply only to household-generated wastes. Businesses and institutions must comply with Federal and State hazardous waste regulations.

For more information on household hazardous waste disposal, contact your local recycling office or Westchester County's:

**Household Recycling Day Info Line at (914) 813-5425**

**Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5420**

**Recycling website at [Westchestergov.com/recycling](http://Westchestergov.com/recycling)**

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# How to Dispose of or Recycle: Paint, Motor Oil, Batteries, BBQ Tanks



# Paint



## Household Paint-Preparation is Important!

Think of the potential mess a can of liquid paint can cause to the road, a truck or sanitation crew if it spills or splatters. Both oil-based paint and water-based or latex paint may be legally and safely disposed of in your garbage by following the simple instructions below.



## How to Prepare a Can of Paint for Disposal in the Garbage

**Empty Can of Paint:** Put it out next to the garbage with the lid off.\* (Do not include the empty can with your recyclables.)

**Can With Paint:** Harden paint by mixing it with kitty litter or another absorbent pellet material (such as Speedy-Dri) until no liquid remains. The more absorbent material added, the faster the paint will harden. To make more room for the absorbent material, full or partially full cans of paint should be poured off into empty cans or ones with less paint. Some paint stores may carry products specifically designed to harden waste paint. Ask stores for details.

After the paint is hard, put it out for garbage collection with the lid off.\*

\*Exception: Rye Brook, White Plains and Yorktown residents must dispose of empty or hardened paint cans on bulk pick-up days.

# Household Batteries



## Throw away in garbage:

**TYPE:** Non-Rechargeable - Alkaline  
Non-Rechargeable - Carbon Zinc  
Rechargeable - Alkaline

**EXAMPLES:** AAA, AA, C, D, 9 Volt,  
Long Life C and D Cells, etc.  
Used for toys, radios, appliances,  
flashlights, etc.

## Take to a drop-off site or County Household Recycling Day:

**TYPE:** Rechargeable - Nickel Cadmium †,  
Sealed Lead Acid, Nickel Hydride,  
Lithium

**EXAMPLES:** AAA, AA, C, D,  
9 Volt Battery Packs  
Used for power tools, cellular phones,  
video cameras, portable computers, etc.

**TYPE:** Button Cell - Silver Oxide,  
Mercuric Oxide, Lithium, Zinc Air

**EXAMPLES:** Round in shape, very small and thin in  
size. Used for hearing aids, watches,  
cameras, etc.

† Most RadioShack stores will accept (free of charge and no purchase necessary) nickel cadmium batteries for proper disposal. Call RadioShack for more information.

**Rechargeable Batteries:** Most consumer products using these batteries have been designed to allow easy battery removal for proper disposal and recycling. If the battery cannot be removed, the entire product may be brought to a local drop-off site or County Household Recycling Day.

**FYI** - In 1992, an international standard was implemented requiring manufacturers to produce the commonly used non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries with a significantly lower mercury content. Now, according to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, most household batteries can be disposed of safely in the trash.

# Motor Oil, Oil Filters, Vehicle Batteries



## Motor Oil: †

Take used motor oil to a service station or to a retail outlet that sells motor oil. State law requires most service stations and retailers to accept, free of charge, up to five gallons of motor oil per person per day.

Drain oil into a clean unbreakable plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. Do not mix oil with any other fluid, such as antifreeze, brake fluid or gasoline. Be certain that the container you use is thoroughly rinsed so that nothing will contaminate the motor oil.



## Oil Filters:

Drain oil from filter. This should be done in an area where the temperature is higher than 60° F. Oil drains more easily and thoroughly at warmer temperatures. Drained filters should then be wrapped in newspaper and disposed of in the garbage.

## Vehicle Batteries: †

Take vehicle batteries to a retailer that sells them. State law requires such retailers to accept, free of charge, up to two vehicle batteries per person per month.

You can also call local scrap metal dealers or your local recycling office and ask if they will accept your battery.

## † IT'S THE LAW

If a service station or retailer refuses to accept your motor oil or vehicle battery, you have the right to report the facility to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Enforcement Division at (845) 256-3013.