

How do I dispose of an extinguisher?

The Village of Tinley Park Fire Department does not have the capability to dispose of extinguishers, therefore we do not accept extinguishers from the public.

Most **full service** fire extinguisher companies will accept old or outdated fire extinguishers. To find a qualified company, consult your phone book under fire extinguisher or do an internet search for an extinguisher company capable of servicing extinguishers near you. Below is information for local **full service** fire extinguisher companies:

RELIABLE FIRE EQUIPMENT

Address: 12845 S Cicero Ave, Alsip, IL 60803

Phone: (708) 597-4600

FOX VALLEY FIRE & SAFETY

Address: 2730 Pinnacle Dr., Elgin, IL 60124

Phone: (847) 695-5990

NOTE:

The Village of Tinley Park or its Fire Department does not advocate the use of any one particular company, the aforementioned is strictly used as a reference, based on knowledge. There may be other companies that can possibly be limited as to their capabilities and may not be able to accept extinguishers or may be limited as to the amount of extinguishers they can accept. Please do your research as to their abilities and requirements.

OR

The Tinley Park Fire Department does not recommend this, but you may choose to dispose of the fire extinguisher yourself by following these safe practices:

- Consult the manufacturer's recommendations and avoid breathing in the powder and pay attention to wind direction.
- Release any pressure contained in the canister by aiming the fire extinguisher into an open area.
- Make sure the direction of the wind will not push the extinguishing agent into you or others close by.
- Let the canister sit for a few days, making sure the pressure has been released.
- Once there is no longer any pressure, dispose in a trash bag in your regular garbage.

Click on the link for more information. <http://www.firesafetyinc.net/FAQRetrieve.aspx?ID=47009>