

Disposal of Expired Pyrotechnic Signaling Devices

Recommended disposal of expired pyrotechnic signaling devices (including aerial flares and hand held signals):

Retain them for back-up use to expand signaling time in the event of an emergency.

Donate to a local Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron for use in their educational classes.

Contact a local law enforcement or fire department for their advice on proper disposal.

Ignite hand-held signals flares on land in a safe area away from any combustible material, much the same as highway flares would be ignited.

NEVER jettison visual distress signals overboard.

NEVER activate marine aerial flares in a non-emergency situation unless it is a Coast Guard sanctioned demonstration.

NEVER dispose of flares in household trash.