

Flare Disposal

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The disposing of expired or unwanted flares requires incineration at an authorized facility. They can't be thrown into the trash because flares contain a lot of stuff that have been known to cause cancer or are irritants. Among them are strontium nitrate, strontium peroxide, potassium perchlorate, and potassium nitrate.

It is also illegal to light flares in non-emergency situations as this creates an expensive search and rescue scenario.

The Sea Tow Foundation has put together a list of disposal sites. Go here to see the list: <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.boatingsafety.com/resource/resmgr/flares/v2-flare-verified-disposal-l.pdf>

If your state is not shown, contact your local fire department for a recommendation, They may not a disposal site, but ask for a recommendation.

To avoid the pyrotechnic danger, consider buying electronic flares in the future.

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