

# Free reusable 1 lb. propane cylinders for Yolo County residents

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Single-use, disposable, 1 lb. propane gas cylinders are hazardous waste and can be very dangerous if not disposed of properly, but what should people do with these “disposable” or single-use 1lb. propane cylinders when they’re empty? “Trash” is not the answer.

The problem is not limited to parks and campgrounds. Cities and counties also see costs and dangers associated with 1 lb. propane cylinders. In 2015 and again in 2017, the city of Sunnyvale experienced explosions and baler fires likely caused by disposable propane gas cylinders. These types of incidents can injure or kill workers and damage expensive waste processing equipment.

If you live in Yolo County it is free and easy to properly dispose of single-use propane cylinders. Yolo County residents may take their empty 1 lb. propane cylinders to the Yolo County Household Hazardous Waste Facility every Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. for free disposal.

The average cost of single-use cylinders is \$1.99 to \$5.99 each, but it costs parks and local government \$2 to \$15 per cylinder to dispose of these hazardous wastes. Yolo County, working with the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland received a CalRecycle grant to educate residents on safely handling 1 lb. propane cylinders and considering reusables to save money and reduce hazardous waste.

Yolo County residents have an opportunity to get a free reusable 1 lb. propane cylinder directly mailed to them when they fill out an online questionnaire. To fill out the questionnaire, visit [here](#). Free cylinders are limited to one per household, while supplies last.