

# Be Bright, Recycle Right!

## WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

### PROPANE TANKS

#### TOP 10 CONTAMINANTS

1. Plastic Bags
2. Needles/Biohazardous Waste
3. Wire, hose, cords, rope & chains
4. Propane Tanks
5. Yard Waste/Wood
6. Motor Oil Containers
7. Electronics
8. Food Waste
9. Clothing/Shoes
10. Mercury Containing Objects

#### ALWAYS PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PROPANE TANKS

Summer is in full swing and barbecue season is underway. As you use your gas-fired barbecue grill, be sure to use the propane tank safely and follow the manufacturers' instructions. Never bring your propane tank indoors or into an enclosed space. If you suspect a leak, do not use the propane tank. Be sure to have a certified dealer perform any maintenance or repairs that are required and do not attempt to empty or cut open a tank.

**“Propane tanks of any size are never allowed in any curbside bin.”**

If your old propane tank has outlived its usefulness, be sure to dispose of it properly! Improper disposal of propane tanks poses a serious safety threat to waste and recycling workers. These tanks contain compressed flammable gas that can cause fires or explosions when compacted inside of garbage trucks. And regardless of their size, propane tanks are never allowed in curbside recycling bins. Even tanks that seem to be empty can contain a small amount of gas that must be properly recovered and the tank depressurized.

Propane tanks can be properly disposed of at outdoor exchange facilities or dropped off at household hazardous waste (HHW) locations throughout the valley. The Trans-Jordan HHW accepts propane tanks for **free**.

Your questions, comments, and ideas are always welcome!

Please contact [education@transjordan.org](mailto:education@transjordan.org) and you may be mentioned in our article or FAQ page. Visit [transjordan.org/recycle](http://transjordan.org/recycle) for more recycling information.

**Q: How clean do food containers need to be for recycling?**

**A:** Food waste can contaminate good recycling. Containers do not need to be squeaky clean, but a general rule is that no food or liquid spill out if the container is upside-down.



Propane Tanks at HHW  
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