Smoke Detector Disposal Information

The most common type of smoke detector used in residential homes contains a minute amount of radioactive material*. Although the amount of radioactive material contained in these detectors is so small that it does not pose a risk to human health, some localities, including Santa Barbara, do not allow them to be disposed of with municipal waste. In this case, smoke detectors that contain radioactive material can be returned to the manufacturer for disposal. When returning a smoke detector to the manufacturer, include a note that indicates that the detector is intended for disposal and mail it to the address listed on the back of the detector.

The following manufacturers/distributors of smoke detectors will take back smoke detectors that they manufacture:

MANUFACTURER/ DISTRIBUTOR	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS FOR RETURN	NOTES
AMERICAN SENSORS/ DICON	(800) 387 4219	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Accepts 'Dicon Global' and 'American Sensors' brands only.
FIREX	(800) 445-8299	Firex c/o Disposal 28 C Leigh Fisher Boulevard El Paso, TX 79906	Website address: www.firexsafety.com.
FIRST ALERT/ BRK	(800) 323-9005 ext. 2	Customer Service Department 3920 Enterprise Court Aurora, IL 60504	Accepts up to four detectors of First Alert/BRK brand at a time. Please call ahead for mailing instructions.
G.E. SECURITY/ ESL	(888) 437-3287	12345 Southwest Levetan Drive Tualatin, OR 97062	Will accept G.E. Security/ESL brands only.
HONEYWELL	(800) 328-5111	Returned Goods, Honeywell Inc. Dock 4-MN10-3860 1985 Douglas Drive North Golden Valley, MN 55422	Accepts Honeywell smoke detectors only. ecccustomercare.com.
KIDDE	(800) 880-6788 ext. 1	1016 Corporate Park Drive Mebane, NC 27302	Will only accept Kidde brand smoke detectors.
SEARS	local number	Some Sears locations are designated collection sites	Call to find out if your local Sears will accept smoke detectors.
SYSTEM SENSORS	(800) 736-7672 ext. 1	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Will accept "System Sensor" brand only. Please include a payment of $3.00 for each smoke detector mailed to cover the firm's recycling costs.
USI ELECTRIC/ UNIVERSAL	(800) 390-4321 ext. 1	Attention: Disposal Department 7A Gwynns Mill Court Owings Mills, MD 21117	Return only detectors that say "ionization" on the back. Only USI Electric or Universal brand smoke detectors accepted. Please enclose a note that indicates that the smoke detector is being returned for recycling.

**Ionization type smoke detectors contain Americium 241.*
Photoelectric type detectors do not contain radioactive material.