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Your business is liable for all the dangerous waste you generate. If you are uncertain about your responsibilities as a dangerous waste generator, **call your nearest Ecology office** and ask for a hazardous waste specialist.

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## "Refuel Your Fun" – Join the Effort to Reduce Waste

*By Janna Ryan*

### The problem with single-use propane cylinders

Camping, tailgate barbecues, and other outdoor recreation activities use propane fuel—which usually comes in a one-pound cylinder that can't be refilled.

Over 40 million single-use cylinders are made each year in North America, and consumers don't always dispose of them in the right place\*. Also, when cylinders aren't completely emptied before disposal, they pose an added risk of fire or explosion.

### Be a part of the solution

Does your business sell or dispense propane? We need your help! Please consider joining the Refuel Your Fun Campaign:

- Retail stores – sell refillable one-pound cylinders.
- Businesses that dispense propane – purchase a refill adapter (around \$25) so you can fill one-pound cylinders.
- Everyone – get your own refillable cylinder for outdoor activities.

The Refuel Your Fun Campaign encourages outdoor recreation enthusiasts to buy and use refillable cylinders. These cylinders can be refilled hundreds of times, for up to twelve years. **Some retailers now sell refillable cylinders—but consumers still need a place to refill them.** If your business dispenses propane, there are two types of adapters you can get for refilling one-pound cylinders: one works with forklift tanks and the other works with 20 gallon tanks.

Already refilling or selling refillable one-pound cylinders? Get the word out: contact Jordan Wells at 916-706-3420 and get your business added to the map at RefuelYourFun.org.

\*Contact your local solid waste authority for propane cylinder disposal options.



*Many parks have to deal with propane cylinders left by visitors.*



*Choose refillable propane cylinders*

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