

Where can I safely dispose of old fire extinguishers or propane tanks?

You can bring old fire extinguishers and propane tanks to **PADNOS Recycling Center**, located at **259 Ottawa St., Muskegon, MI 49442**.

Please note that **PADNOS requires fire extinguishers to be fully emptied with the valves removed** before drop-off.

Q: How do I safely empty a fire extinguisher before recycling it?

If you're disposing of an **ABC (dry chemical) fire extinguisher**, follow these steps to safely discharge it:

- 1. Choose a safe location:** Go outdoors in an open, well-ventilated area—ideally on pavement or over a surface that's easy to clean.
- 2. Stay upwind:** The powder inside can be irritating. Position yourself so the wind is blowing away from you.
- 3. Discharge the extinguisher:**
 - Aim the nozzle into a **large trash bag** or container to catch the powder (optional, but it helps contain the mess).
 - Pull the pin, press the handle, and discharge the extinguisher until no more powder comes out.
 - **Check that it's empty:** Shake the extinguisher gently. If it feels light and nothing comes out when triggered again, it's empty.
 - **Remove the valve:** Once empty, carefully unscrew and remove the valve using a wrench or pliers.

Important Notes:

- ◆ The dry chemical powder can be mildly corrosive and unpleasant if inhaled or ingested—**do not taste or breathe it in.**
- ◆ Wear gloves and a dust mask if possible to protect yourself.

Q: Can I bring partially full extinguishers to PADNOS?

No. Extinguishers must be completely discharged, and the valves removed.

Q: Do I need to make an appointment to drop items off?

It's always a good idea to call ahead to confirm current drop-off hours and any special instructions. You can contact PADNOS Recycling Center in Muskegon at their local office at 231-722-6081 for more information.