



## Fact Sheet

### Fire Extinguisher Acceptance and Handling for Disposal Purposes

To protect the health and safety of Waste Site personnel, the Public and Scrap Metal Merchants, Council will only accept Fire Extinguishers for recycling under certain controlled circumstances.

#### Acceptance Standards

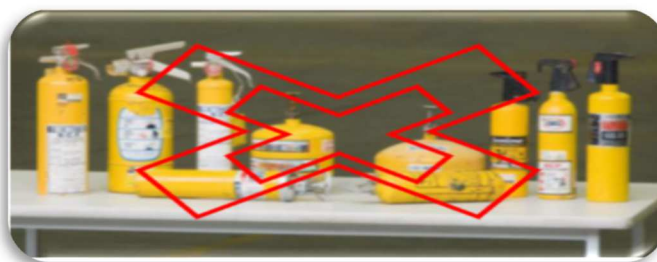
Supervised Council Waste Sites will only accept Fire Extinguishers that are free of pressure and emptied of their original contents. Where Fire Extinguishers cannot be discharged patrons can arrange with Site Personnel to discharge the contents of the Fire Extinguisher.

Fire Extinguishers must comply with the following requirements to allow Council to meet occupational health, safety and environmental obligations.

- Fire Extinguishers shall be EMPTY of all contents and Valve removed. If the Fire Extinguisher is still charged, weighbridge attendants are to be notified and they will arrange for the Fire Extinguisher to be discharged into the general waste bin, remove the Valve and then disposed of into the scrap metal stockpile for recycling.



- Halon Fire Extinguishers (Yellow Cylinders) will not be accepted This is due to the damage that Halon does to the ozone layer. One kilogram of Halon has the potential to destroy fifty tonnes of ozone. For further information on how to dispose of Halon fire extinguishers following the link. [http://www.fpa.com.au/media/206825/halon\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.fpa.com.au/media/206825/halon_factsheet.pdf)



- Waste Site Staff reserve the right to refuse any / all materials that are contaminated in anyway which may cause an environmental or safety risk.

Anyone delivering a Fire Extinguisher to site must notify site personnel upon arrival, so an inspection of the Fire Extinguisher can be undertaken to ensure compliance with this Fact Sheet. Site operators will direct individuals delivering Fire Extinguishers to dispose of the discharged cylinder in the scrap steel stockpile once inspected for compliance.

For further information,  
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