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# MANAGING EMPTY CONTAINERS

For Lincoln & Lancaster County Businesses

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## Why are empty containers of concern?

Disposal of containers with residue remaining inside may present an environmental, health, or safety risk from leakage. A Special Waste Permit may be required for disposal of empty containers with specific residue according to the Lincoln Municipal Code 8.32.080. Contact 441-8002 for more information on the Special Waste Permit.

## How should businesses dispose of empty containers?

- Containers must be empty of contents according to guidelines in the code of federal regulations Title 40, Part 261, Section 7 and must be triple rinsed and thoroughly drained.
- Contact 441-7961 to confirm whether or not rinse water may be disposed via the sanitary sewer.
- Do not pour any rinse water from container in a septic system.
- Containers larger than 5 gallons in size must have both ends removed.
- Depressurized containers must have valves removed.
- Aerosol cans must be empty of contents.
- Lead-lined fuel tanks or the original contents cannot be disposed of at the landfill without a Special Waste Permit and required testing.

| Empty Container Recycler  | Contact<br>Call company for costs and shipping fees. | Information  |
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| Aaron Ferer & Sons<br>155 Ida Street<br>Omaha, NE 68110           | 402-342-2436<br>www.ferer.com                        | Collects steel and metal containers, depressurized, cylinders, and underground storage tanks that are cut in half and triple rinsed. Also accepts copper and brass.                        |
| Alter Scrap<br>525 "N" Street<br>Lincoln, NE 68507                | 402-476-3306<br>www.altermetalrecycling.com          | Collects steel and metal containers, empty punctured aerosol cans, and underground tanks that have been triple rinsed and have large enough holes to allow inspection of interior of tank. |
| Ferrell Gas<br>3200 Superior Street<br>Lincoln, NE 68504          | 402-477-5151<br>www.ferrellgas.com                   | Collects only depressurized cylinders. No punctured or deep rust.  |
| Lee's Propane Service<br>624 West "o" Street<br>Lincoln, NE 68528 | 402-474-3235<br>www.leespropane.com                  | Collects any depressurized propane cylinder for a fee.   |
| Jones Barrel Co.<br>2424 North 11th Street<br>Omaha, NE 68110     | 402-346-2231<br>800-346-2231<br>www.jonesbarrel.com  | Collects steel, metal, plastic, and fiber containers for a fee. Must have MSDS and labels must still be on containers.   |

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department does not endorse or recommend any specific company.

For more information...on recycling, disposal options, or alternatives to managing and reducing hazardous waste in your business, CALL 402-441-8002, EMAIL spwaste@lincoln.ne.gov or VISIT lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: business waste).