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## Disposable 1lb Propane Cylinders Look Out -- There's a New Refillable in Town!

**The Problem:** Four million disposable 1 lb. propane cylinders are sold each and every year in California alone. Consumers spend around \$4.00+ per disposable cylinder, just to be able to use about \$0.30 worth of propane gas inside. When finished with them, how do you get rid of these cylinders? Most people bring them to a hazardous waste collection facility or call a hazardous waste hauler. Unfortunately, some folks illegally sneak them into their garbage bins since they cannot go into regular recycling! Many people leave them behind at the parks where they used them, or accumulate a pile of cylinders in their garage. Some people buy adapters to refill them, which is **extremely** dangerous as they are not manufactured to be repressurized.

The City of Thousand Oaks pays \$5.00 to properly dispose of each cylinder dropped off at our Household Hazardous Waste Facility here in Newbury Park. That means not only did you spend all that money to buy a disposable item on the front end, but your tax dollars are being spent to dispose of them on the back end as well! There has to be a better way, and [Flame King](#) and [Manchester Tank](#) offer a solution!

**The Solution:** Using [refillables](#) will [save you money](#) and hassle, and reduce pollution. If you're a camper, BBQ cook or tailgate party chef, choose the refillable option to save money, hassle, and do something good for the environment.

Refillables are currently available at all 126 California U-Haul locations that dispense propane, 200 West Marine locations in the U.S., select REI and other outdoor equipment and sporting goods stores, and online through [REI](#), [West Marine](#), [Home Depot](#) and [Walmart](#). For a list of all known locations in the nation,



<http://refuelyourfun.org/>.

REI OXNARD	2701 SEAGLASS WAY	OXNARD	93037	805-981-1939
U-HAUL	3020 SAVIERS ROAD	OXNARD	93033	805-487-2754
U-HAUL	1577 E. LOS ANGELES AVE.	SIMI VALLEY	93065	805-564-9374
U-HAUL	1322 E. THOMPSON BL.	VENTURA	93001	805-648-7905



### What Can You Do to Help?

1. Like & share posts on the RFYF Facebook page  
([www.facebook.com/RefuelYourFun](http://www.facebook.com/RefuelYourFun))
2. Tell your local store that sells disposables to carry refillables!
3. Tell your friends and family about refillables!

If you have any questions or for help recruiting retailers, please contact Jordan Wells at [jordan@calpsc.org](mailto:jordan@calpsc.org).

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