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Now You Can Recycle Smoke Detectors at Darien Recycling Center

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Smoke detectors can now be recycled at the Darien Recycling Center!

Why recycle them? Most older (ionization) smoke detectors contain a tiny amount of radioactive material, which is sealed inside the device and poses no hazard to users, but should not be thrown in the trash or put in with single stream recycling.

[Editor's note: Back on Jan. 24, [Darienite.com reported](#) that smoke-detector recycling was coming. "[I]n the meantime, hang onto those old devices," the Darien Recycling Center said on Facebook. Now it's here.]

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Newer (photoelectric) smoke detectors do not contain this material. To see which type of detector you have, check the label on the back — ionization detectors will have a warning label and/or display the international symbol for radiation.

— [This is an announcement](#) from the Darien Recycling Center on Facebook. [Like that page on Facebook](#) and you can get your tips directly, as soon as they come out, and keep informed on other recycling information. Find out more about recycling in Darien [here](#).

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