

# United States of America

## Smoke Detector Disposal Information

**T**he most common type of smoke detector used in residential homes contains a minute amount of radioactive material\*. Although the amount of radioactive material contained in these detectors is so small that it does not pose a risk to human health, some localities, including Palo Alto, do not allow them to be disposed of with municipal waste. In this case, smoke detectors that contain radioactive material can be returned to the manufacturer for disposal. When returning a smoke detector to the manufacturer, include a note that indicates that the detector is intended for disposal and mail it to the address listed on the back of the detector.

**The following manufacturers/distributors of smoke detectors will take back smoke detectors that they manufacture:**

| MANUFACTURER/<br>DISTRIBUTOR  | PHONE NUMBER             | ADDRESS FOR RETURN  | NOTES   |
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| AMERICAN<br>SENSORS/<br>DICON | (800) 387-4219           | Call to receive a reference<br>number and return information  | Accepts 'Dicon Global' and<br>'American Sensors' brands only.   |
| FIREX                         | (800) 445-8299           | Firex c/o Disposal<br>28 C Leigh Fisher Boulevard<br>El Paso, TX 79906                                    | Website address:<br>www.firexsafety.com.  |
| FIRST ALERT/<br>BRK           | (800) 323-9005<br>ext. 2 | Customer Service Department<br>3920 Enterprise Court<br>Aurora, IL 60504                                  | Accepts up to four detectors of<br>First Alert/BRK brand at a time.<br>Please call ahead for mailing<br>instructions.   |
| G.E. SECURITY/<br>ESL         | (888) 437-3287           | 12345 Southwest Levetan Drive<br>Tualatin, OR 97062   | Will accept G.E. Security/ESL<br>brands only.   |
| HONEYWELL                     | (800) 328-5111           | Returned Goods, Honeywell Inc.<br>Dock 4-MN10-3860<br>1985 Douglas Drive North<br>Golden Valley, MN 55422 | Accepts Honeywell smoke<br>detectors only.<br>eccustomercare.com.   |
| KIDDE                         | (800) 880-6788<br>ext. 1 | 1016 Corporate Park Drive<br>Mebane, NC 27302   | Will only accept Kidde brand<br>smoke detectors.  |
| SEARS                         | local number             | Some Sears locations are<br>designated collection<br>sites  | Call to find out if your local Sears<br>will accept smoke detectors.  |
| SYSTEM<br>SENSORS             | (800) 736-7672<br>ext. 1 | Call to receive a reference<br>number and return information  | Will accept "System Sensor"<br>brand only. Please include a<br>payment of \$3.00 for each<br>smoke detector mailed to cover<br>the firm's recycling costs.  |
| USI ELECTRIC/<br>UNIVERSAL    | (800) 390-4321<br>ext. 1 | Attention: Disposal Department<br>7A Gwynns Mill Court<br>Owings Mills, MD 21117                          | Return only detectors that say<br>"ionization" on the back. Only<br>USI Electric or Universal brand<br>smoke detectors accepted.<br>Please enclose a note that indi-<br>cates that the smoke detector is<br>being returned for recycling. |

*\*Ionization type smoke detectors contain Americium 241.*

*Photoelectric type detectors do not contain radioactive material.*