What do you do with your old Fire Extinguishers?

A new fire extinguishers is no problem to transport but as soon as you decide that it is no longer useful, it becomes classified as Hazardous Waste! Whether it is charged and the same as it was the day before, or used and empty, it is still Hazardous Waste.

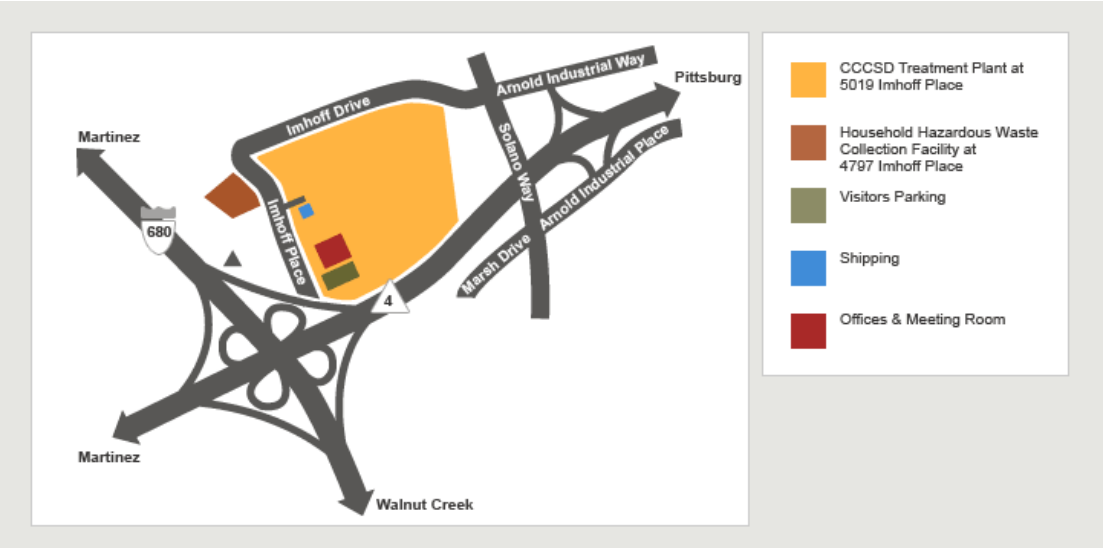
State regulations and the Federal Department of Transportation limit the transportation of Hazardous Waste by individuals without permits to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per trip. No individual container can be over 5 gallon capacity. A 5# ABC extinguisher is about 0.6 gallons and weighs 10 pounds so you could carry 12 extinguishers to the collection site.

Where, when and how:

Residents of Contra Costa County can take extinguishers to the:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez 94553
(800) 646-1431

Hours are: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Take I-680 North ***to*** Highway 4 East. ***Exit*** Solano Way. ***Turn Right*** on Arnold Industrial Place then ***Right*** on Solano Way. Cross under freeway then ***Left*** on Imhoff Drive. Pass the Sanitary District plant and turn ***Left*** on Imhoff Place.