

Ammunition and Explosives

Your Guide for Safe Disposal and Recycling in Calumet County

Why should ammunition and explosives be disposed?

Most ammunition manufacturers will say ammo is safe for up to ten years. Most ammo is still safe to use after ten years if it is kept out of heat and sunlight and kept in a dry place.

If you don't want to use or if you feel unsafe using old ammo you can always get it recycled or disposed of.

Never fire ammunition that:

Is corroded

Is misshaped and doesn't fit in the chamber

Is rusty

Is cracked anywhere

Has the bullet pushed back into the cartridge



Disposal Locations

Ammunition disposal myths:

- You can bury ammo to dispose of it

Gunpowder is a good fertilizer but the lead found in bullets can leach into the soil and ground water if buried

- You can throw ammo in the trash

Throwing ammo in the trash can be dangerous because when the truck compacts garbage it could cause ammo to go off

- You can soak ammo in water or oil and then put them in the trash

Some people think if you ruin the powder with water or oil it makes it useless but if it doesn't make it inside or it dries out it can still go off

The safest way to dispose of ammunition is to get in contact with the police station, a gun range or even a gun store.

**Calumet County Sheriff's
Department phone number**

(920) 849-2335

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