

There are two common types of smoke detectors: ionization and photoelectric. Photoelectric smoke detectors do not contain radioactive material, however, ionization smoke detectors do. The radioactive material found in ionization smoke detectors is called Americium 241 and it is present in very small amounts. These detectors are safe in your home but can post a health threat if broken open in a landfill. Many manufacturers will accept returned smoke detectors. **When returning a detector to the manufacturer, include a note specifying the detector is to be disposed of.**



Manufacturer/Distributor	Phone Number	Address for Return	Notes
American Sensors/Dicon Global	800-387-4219	Call to receive a number and return information	Accepts Dicon Global American Sensors brands only
Firex	800-445-8299	Firex c/o Disposal 28C Leigh Fisher Blvd. El Paso, TX 79906	Website: www.firexsafety.com
First Alert/BRK	800-323-9005 Ext. 2	Customer Service Dept 3920 Enterprise Court Aurora, IL 60504	Accepts up to 4 devices of First Alert/BRK brand at a time. Call for mailing instructions.
G.E. Security/ESL	888-437-3287	12345 Southwest Levetan Dr. Tualatin, OR 97062	Accepts G.E. Security/ESL brands only
Honeywell	800-328-5111	Returned Goods, Honeywell, Inc. Dock 4-MN10-3860 1985 Douglas Drive North Golden Valley, MN 55422	Only accepts Honeywell smoke detectors. www.eccustomer care.com
Kiddie	800-880-6788 Ext. 1	1016 Corporate Park Dr. Mebane, NC 27302	Only accepts Kiddie brand smoke detectors
Sears	Local number	Some Sears locations are designated collection sites	Call your local Sears to see if they accept smoke detectors
System Sensors	800-736-7672 Ext. 1	Call to receive a reference number and return information	Will accept "System Sensor" brand only. Asking payment of \$3 per detector to cover recycling fees
USI Electric/Universal	800-390-4321 Ext. 1	Attn: Disposal Dept. 7A Gwynns Mill Court Owings Mills, MD 21117	Only return detectors that say "ionization" on the back. Only USI Electric or Universal brand detectors accepted.