

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT
MARINE FLARES
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM HERE**

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The disposal of expired marine flares, also known as visual distress signals (VDS), is strictly regulated by the US EPA and US DOT because of their chemical make-up and flammable characteristics. The DEEP Boating Division is NO LONGER able to collect expired marine flares, but does arrange disposal opportunities from time to time. DEEP and the US Coast Guard also hold periodic Flare Day Events, which allow you the opportunity to dispose of expired marine flares and to learn the proper way to use the flares before you need them in an emergency situation. For information about the disposal of marine flares or Flare Day Events, contact the DEEP's Boating Division 860-447-4371.