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## NOTICE TO FULL SERVICE HHW DEPOT OPERATORS

### Re: ACCEPTING PRESSURE CYLINDERS

The purpose of this notice is to clarify how collection depots affiliated with the Product Care's Manitoba program are to manage pressure cylinders brought to the depot by residents.

#### PROGRAM PRODUCTS

The list of acceptable program products in pressure cylinders is included in Section 5.1 of the Manitoba Collection Site Guidelines. Only non-refillable fuel gas cylinders less than 5 kg are accepted as program products. The most common products will be the green propane cylinders used for camp stoves and the blue butane torch cylinders.

#### NON-PROGRAM PRODUCTS ACCEPTED

Under Product Care's cost sharing agreement with Green Manitoba, non-program pressure cylinders can only be accepted from residential sources. Examples of products accepted in this category are listed in Section 5.3 of the Manitoba Collection Site Guidelines.

Some specific issues related to this category are summarized below.

1. REFILLABLE 20 LB PROPANE TANKS – At the present time, these tanks can be accepted as non-program products at full service collection sites. Product Care and Green Manitoba will monitor the quantity of tanks being received and may consider alternate approaches for managing them in the future. Facilities that have an existing arrangement with companies such as Caledon Propane and Tank Traders for removal of empty propane cylinders are encouraged to continue using the services of these companies.

2. POLYURETHANE FOAM INSULATION TANKS – These insulation kits come with two non-refillable steel tanks, typically marked as shown on the sample photos below. The kits are available to consumers through some retail outlets but contractors can also purchase them through wholesalers. Based on Green Manitoba's requirements, these tanks can only be accepted from individual residents. Contractors should be sending their tanks to a licensed hazardous waste disposal company. Depot operators are requested to accept no more that one pair of tanks per drop-off, from individual residents only and to make note of frequent repeat users of this service.



3. REFRIGERANT (FREON) TANKS – These tanks come in a number of colours and with a number of different label names (see below). These products can only be bought by licensed technicians and are **not accepted** at Product Care depots.



**NOTE:**

Product Care depots do not accept air conditioners, heaters or any other equipment or appliances that are designed to contain a refrigerant, or any other hazardous material.

Any questions on the contents of this notice can be directed to:

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