

Helium Balloon Tank Disposal – Schupan and Sons on Olmstead or the location off Miller Rd on Glendening but have to prove empty by opening blowout valve:

RECYCLING:

1. Bring your empty helium tank to a well-ventilated area. Confirm the tank is empty by fully opening the valve by turning it to the left, and bending the tilt nozzle gently but fully to release any remaining helium. Make sure all helium is released. If you hear or feel helium being released, continue to hold until you do not feel any pressure or hear any sound from the nozzle.



2. Remove the tilt nozzle by unscrewing it counter-clockwise



3. Write "EMPTY" in bold text with a permanent marker on the balloon tank near the blowout valve, so that it is clearly visible.



4. Locate the blowout valve on the shoulder of the balloon tank. Using a slotted (flat-head) screwdriver, position the head in the depression at the edge of the ring.



5. Using a mallet or hammer, tap the handle of the screwdriver lightly but firmly. Repeat in multiple places around the ring edge, until the metal ring covering the blowout valve is punctured. The punctured ring may be sharp. To avoid injury, use a needle-nose or similar type of pliers to pry the ring away from the helium tank and place it in the trash.



6. In addition to writing the word "EMPTY" in permanent marker, draw a circle around the punctured blowout valve.

