

SAFETY ALERT

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SUBJECT	New rules for the disposal of unwanted marine flares
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The rules for the [disposal of unwanted marine flares](#) is about to change.

From 31 December 2022, HM Coastguard will stop disposing of expired or redundant flares handed in by private individuals. From then, you will need to use a third-party service to dispose of them safely and legally.

The [Green Blue's Environmental facilities service](#) from British Marine and the Royal Yachting Association will provide contact details of businesses offering disposal services. You will be able to contact the providers directly to discuss your disposal needs.

Until 31 December 2022, you will be able to use the current services offered to dispose of flares.

For more information on the changes see the [MIN 687 Changes to how individuals can dispose of marine flares](#).

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