



FACT SHEET

!!Flares are not accepted at the Collection Center!!

Flares

Hazards

- Extreme caution must be exercised when lighting flares.
- Flares produce a large amount of smoke when lit.

Handling

- Store flares in a dry location. Keep out of reach of children or pets.

Management Options

- Call the local fire department to see if staff there can manage them.
- Some fire departments collect them to donate to fire safety training academics.
- For road flares:
 - Call the Massachusetts Highway Department district office nearest you to see if they may be able to use them on any upcoming roadwork projects.
- For boat flares:
 - Help arrange a demo day with the Coast Guard for boaters on how to use flares. Boating clubs may also be able to arrange demo days.
 - Check with the [Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla](#) or [Power Squadrons](#) to see if they can use them.
 - Do not light them without permission from the Coast Guard as it is a federal offense to call a false emergency.

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