As of 1 October 2004, the only gas bottles accepted at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be the standard liquid petroleum types commonly used in a domestic property. The photograph (left) gives some examples, but the largest acceptable bottle is the 15 kilogram container. Balloon gas bottles are also acceptable and will be handled by site staff to make them safe.

All other gas bottles are not classified as household waste and are therefore unacceptable at HWRCs. This includes types such as Oxy/Acetylene, air cylinders, refrigerants and brewery cylinders.

If you have an unacceptable gas bottle to dispose of, either call the company who produced it directly for advice (see the neck of the bottle for details in most cases), or speak to a member of the HWRC site staff.

For confirmation or queries on this policy, please call Hampshire County Council Waste Management on 01962 847821.