



HOW DO I GET RID OF IT?

The A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit>

Questions? Call Solid Waste at 464-7500.

All phone numbers are area code 727, unless otherwise indicated.

Cell Phones

mobile / cellular telephones and accessories such as chargers



These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!

* Before recycling your old cell phone, make sure that you terminate your service contract and erase any data in the phone.

1. **Trade** it in or **donate** to a cell phone retailer when you buy a new phone. Most local cell phone retailers participate in recycling programs (including [AT&T](#), [Verizon](#), [T-Mobile](#), [Sprint](#), [Alltel](#), [Best Buy](#), [Wal-Mart](#), and others).
2. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
3. *Dunedin residents or businesses:* **Drop off** inside the Dunedin Division of Solid Waste building, 1070 Virginia St., Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm (298-3215).
4. *Safety Harbor residents or businesses:* **Drop off** inside the Safety Harbor Public Works building, 1200 Railroad Ave., Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-3:30pm (724-1550).
5. *Clearwater residents:* The City of Clearwater offers an [Electronics Collection Day](#) free **drop off** on the last Wednesday of each month from 7am-3pm for city residents (not businesses) at the recycling center at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. (562-4933). Bring up to six electronics and a utility bill for proof of residency.
6. **Drop off** at a local [911 Emergency Cell Phone Project site](#) (including community centers, churches, and mobile home parks) for emergency use by at-risk seniors.
7. **Drop off** at a school. Check to see if your local school raises funds by collecting cell phones. For information on school programs, contact [Hands On Recycling](#) (1397 - 88th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, 251-9367).
8. **Drop off** at Sylvan Abbey or Memorial Park Funeral Homes. They participate in the [Call to Protect](#) program to benefit victims of domestic violence.
9. **Pick up** a postage-paid pre-addressed envelope at a local [PetSmart](#) store to recycle cell phones or inkjet cartridges to benefit homeless pets. The program only accepts newer (five years old or less) cell phones in working condition.
10. **Drop off** at the Sheriff's Office, 10750 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, to benefit the Police Youth Hockey League program. For information, call 582-5854 (Jerry Babcock).

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11. **Drop off** at a [Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation \(RBRC\) box](#) for free recycling. RBRC boxes are found at over 50 convenient locations in Pinellas County, including Home Depot, Lowe's, Radio Shack, Sears, and Target.
12. **Drop off** at a [Staples store](#) customer service desk for free recycling.
13. **Drop off** at a [Best Buy store](#) at the kiosk inside the front door for free recycling.
14. **Drop off** at a [FedEx Office](#) (formerly Kinko's) for free recycling.
15. **Drop off** at [eCycling](#), 7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 475, Largo, M-F 8am-5pm for free recycling (toll-free 866-771-9785), or businesses may call for free pickup.
16. **Donate:**
 - a) [Local thrift store or charity](#)
 - b) Use [Freecycle](#). Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg).
 - c) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)
17. **Trade in or donate** your cell phone through the mail. The following organizations offer free shipping (simply print out a prepaid shipping label from their Web site). Some benefit charities, and others offer payment:
 - a) [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#) (charity)
 - b) [Collective Good](#) (charity)
 - c) [Good Deed Foundation](#) (charity)
 - d) [911 Cell Phone Bank](#) (charity)
 - e) [Recycling for Charities](#) (charity)
 - f) [Recycle for Breast Cancer](#) (charity)
 - g) [GRC Wireless Recycling](#) (charity)
 - h) [Wirefly](#) (charity or cash)
 - i) [Radio Shack](#) (Radio Shack gift card)
 - j) [Best Buy / EZTradeIn](#) (PayPal cash, check or Best Buy gift card)
 - k) [ReThink](#) (PayPal cash)
 - l) [Gazelle](#) (PayPal cash, check, or Amazon.com gift card)
 - m) [MyBoneYard](#) (prepaid Visa card)
 - n) Check if your favorite charity collects cell phones as a fundraiser.
18. **Business options:**
 - a) **See** options listed above.
 - b) **Drop off** cell phones (no charge) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event.
 - c) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling / Disposal Company](#).

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