



## HOW DO I GET RID OF IT?

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

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Questions? Call Solid Waste at 464-7500.

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

### Cell Phones

*mobile / cellular telephones, smartphones, and accessories such as chargers*



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

\* Before recycling your old cell phone, terminate your service contract and remove any data in the phone using a program such as [Cell Phone Data Eraser](#).

1. **Trade in** or **donate** to a cell phone retailer when you buy a new phone. Most local cell phone retailers participate in programs to recycle phones or refurbish them for charitable donation (including [AT&T](#), [Verizon Wireless](#), [T-Mobile](#), [Sprint](#), and [Walmart](#)).
2. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
3. *Dunedin residents:* **Drop off** inside the Dunedin Division of Solid Waste building, 1070 Virginia St., Mon. - Fri. 8am - 4pm (298-3215).
4. *Clearwater residents:* **Drop off** at the City of Clearwater's [free Electronics Collection Day](#) 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.
5. **Drop off** at a local chain store for free recycling (see list below). Look for recycling containers near the store entrance.
  - a) [Best Buy](#)
  - b) [Home Depot](#)
  - c) [Lowe's](#)
  - d) [Office Depot](#)
  - e) [Radio Shack](#)
  - f) [Staples](#)
  - g) [Target](#)
6. **Trade in** at a [Radio Shack](#) for a replacement cell phone.
7. **Drop off** at a [Call2Recycle box](#) for free recycling at over 40 locations in Pinellas County.
8. **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.



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9. **Drop off** at a [Cell Phones for Soldiers site](#) (type zip code for a location list) including local funeral homes, tax offices, and mailing stores.
10. **Drop off** at a local funeral home participating in the [Call to Protect](#) program to benefit victims of domestic violence.
11. **Drop off** at a school. Many local schools raise funds by collecting cell phones.
12. **Drop off** at the Sheriff's Office front desk, 10750 Ulmerton Rd., Largo (open 7am - 11pm/7 days a week) to benefit the [Sheriff's Police Athletic League](#) program for at-risk youth. For information, call Paul Hicks at 580-1764.
13. **Drop off** for free recycling at a [Florida E-Waste GreenSite](#).
14. **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), and list your cell phone.
  - c) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your cell phone.
16. **Fundraising:** Schools or non-profit organizations can raise money by recycling cell phones.
  - a) Contact [Hands on Recycling](#) at 251-9367 for free boxes and pickup service.
  - b) Type “cell phone recycling fundraiser” in your favorite search engine.
17. **Sell, trade in or donate** your cell phone online. The following organizations offer free shipping. Simply print out a prepaid shipping label from their website. Some benefit charities, and others offer payment:
  - a) [911 Cell Phone Bank](#) (charity)
  - b) [Best Buy](#) (check or Best Buy gift card)
  - c) [Gazelle](#) (PayPal cash, check, Walmart Visa, Amazon.com gift card or charity)
  - d) [GRC Recycling/Cell Phones for Soldiers](#) (charity)
  - e) [GreenPhone/Flipswap](#) (check)
  - f) [MyBoneYard](#) (prepaid Visa card or charity)
  - g) [Radio Shack](#) (Radio Shack gift card)
  - h) [Recycle for Breast Cancer](#) (charity)
  - i) [ReThink](#) (PayPal cash or check)
  - j) [Sam's Club / ecoNew](#) (Sam's Club gift card)
  - k) [Target/NextWorth](#) (Target gift card)
  - l) [TigerDirect](#) (TigerDirect gift card)
  - m) [Wirefly](#) (check, cash or charity)
  - n) [YouRenew](#) (check or PayPal)

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*The listing is not all-inclusive or exclusive, and is subject to change. Contact the organizations listed to verify program details.*

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- o) 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 and Disposal Company](#) for local pickup.