



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.

Propane Tanks

empty metal tank that once held compressed propane gas



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

SMALL TANKS (up to 1 lb.) such as a camping stove tank:

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).

MEDIUM TANKS (2-20 lbs.) such as a barbecue grill or turkey fryer tank:

1. **Reuse** tank by refilling it. The tank must have an OPD (overfilling protection device) valve:
 - a) If the tank's hand wheel is triangular-shaped, it can be refilled;
 - b) If the tank's wheel is round or star-shaped, it cannot be refilled.
 - c) Tanks over 12 years old must be refurbished before they can be refilled.
2. **Drop off** any 20 lb. propane tank at a Blue Rhino Propane Tank Exchange site for recycling or safe disposal:
 - a) There is no charge, and the tank can be any brand (not just Blue Rhino). You can also exchange the tank for a refurbished one (for a fee).
 - b) Look for a Blue Rhino display (near the store entrance) at stores such as Walmart, Lowe's, 7-Eleven, Sweetbay, Walgreens, Winn Dixie, and Kmart. For a complete list, call (800) 258-7466, or visit [Blue Rhino](#).
3. *St. Petersburg residents:* The City of St. Petersburg will pick up propane tanks at no charge from residents who pay for City garbage service. The tank must be EMPTY with valve removed (limit 2). Call 893-7398 to request pickup.
4. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles). Tank must be EMPTY with valve removed.

LARGE TANKS (over 20 lbs.) such as a commercial heating tank:

1. **Call** your propane distributor to request that it be removed. You can find their name on a tank decal or stamp. Some local distributors are:
 - a) Heritage Propane, 599-2130 (Heritage or TECO brand tanks)
 - b) Suburban Propane, 584-1127
 - c) Clearwater Gas, 562-4600
2. **Businesses** can contact a company that picks up and recycles tanks. The tank may be empty or full (fee varies):
 - a) [JMP Solutions](#), Tampa (813) 875-8997
 - b) [Safety Kleen](#), Tampa (813) 626-1709
 - c) [Advantage Environmental](#), St. Petersburg (323-1902)
 - d) [EnviroTek](#), Tampa (813) 909-0040



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3. **Sell** to a scrap metal dealer that accepts propane tanks. Call first to ask for specifications, but most require that tanks be empty, cut in half, clean, and dry:

Name	Address	City	Phone
Anclote Metal Recycling	806 Anclote Rd.	Tarpon Springs	938-2822
Ecology Scrap Corp.	4790 - 95 th St. N.	St. Petersburg	392-4449
Joanie's Recycling	4625- 118 th Ave. N.	Pinellas Park	556-2600
K-G Metal	500 Marlboro St.	Oldsmar	786-7419
One Steel Recycling	2032 Gentry St.	Clearwater	447-6960
Precision One Mobile Metal Recycling	mobile pickup service	Tarpon Springs	657-9556
Southern Recycling	6902 E. 6 th Ave.	Tampa	(813) 620-9033
Trademark Metals	9380 - 67 th St. N.	Pinellas Park	544-5810
Trademark Metals (Scrap All)	2801 - 4 th Ave.	Tampa	(813) 247-3619

4. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles). Tank must be EMPTY with a hole punched in it for inspection purposes.

NOTE: Propane tanks over 1 lb. are NOT accepted at Pinellas County [mobile collections](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#).

Also see: [Fuel tanks](#)