



Visit our Swap Shop!

The Swap Shop offers household chemicals and paints **FREE** to residents and governmental entities. We screen all items brought to the HEC₃ for placement in our Swap Shop. Although inventory varies, the Swap Shop usually has items such as:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive cleaners
- Brake fluid
- Household cleaners
- Disinfectants
- Fertilizer
- Fungicides and herbicides
- Insecticides and pesticides
- Linseed oil
- Lubricants
- Mineral spirits
- Paints
- Paint removers, strippers, and thinners
- Power steering fluid
- Stains, polyurethane, and varnish
- Transmission fluid
- Tung oil
- Turpentine
- Weed killers

The Swap Shop does not provide electronics, pharmaceuticals, or banned pesticides.

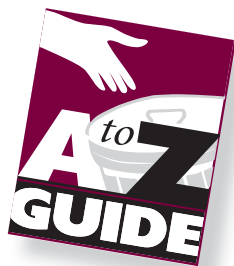
How do I get rid of it?



The online **A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County** provides environmentally-friendly alternatives to “get rid of” over 250 items!

Sample information from the A to Z Guide:

- What to do with old paint, TV’s, computer equipment, video game players, smoke detectors, and lots more.
- Where to drop off cell phones, rechargeable batteries, eyeglasses, printer cartridges, hearing aids, and fluorescent bulbs for recycling.
- Where to sell used sports equipment, furniture, and DVDs.
- Who to call for bulk pickup.
- Who to call for on-site recycling at apartments, condos, and businesses.
- Where to donate household goods (a list of thrift stores and charities).



Before you trash your stuff, find better ways to “get rid of it” at: www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit

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Do The Right Thing...



Drop it off!



FREE for Residents of Pinellas County
Businesses: See inside for drop-off information.



Drop off unwanted household electronics and chemical waste at the Pinellas County Utilities **Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center (HEC₃)** for recycling or proper disposal. Pick up donated household chemicals still suitable for reuse at the Swap Shop, located at the HEC₃. Both of these services are **FREE** for Pinellas County residents.

Hazardous waste can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Unwanted household electronics and chemicals should never be dumped in the regular trash, drains, storm sewers, or on the ground. Improper disposal of hazardous electronics can result in toxic substances such as lead, mercury, or cadmium leaching into the soil and groundwater. Many leftover household chemicals contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients.

Minimize hazardous waste in your household:

- Buy only what you need.
- Use the products only for their intended purpose(s) in the specified quantities.
- Use non-toxic alternatives.

What to bring to the HEC₃



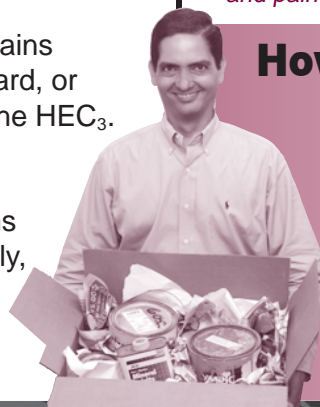
Hazardous Electronics

- Camcorders
- Cassette players
- CD players
- Cell phones
- Computers including monitor, keyboard, CPU, mouse, laptop, speakers, printers, external drives, and power supplies
- Copiers
- Digital cameras
- DVD players
- Fax machines
- GPS units
- Handheld devices such as smartphones
- Marine depth finders
- Microwave ovens
- Pagers
- Portable players such as MP3 or iPod
- Printer / toner cartridges
- Projectors
- Radios
- Scanners
- Stereo equipment
- Telephones
- Televisions
- Typewriters (electric)
- VCRs
- Video game players

An electronic device is considered hazardous if it contains any of the following: digital display, circuit board, or rechargeable battery. If in doubt, bring it to the HEC₃.



Before getting rid of any electronics, please consider fixing broken items or donating working items to family, friends, or charity.



Hazardous Chemicals

Household:

- Aerosol cans *
- Batteries **
- Bug spray
- Cleaners
- Cooking oil
- Dry cleaning solvent
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Furniture polish
- Mercury thermometers
- Mercury thermostats
- Moth balls
- Nail polish or remover
- Photographic chemicals
- Shoe polish
- Smoke detectors

Outdoor:

- Fertilizers
- Flares
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Lighter fluid
- Pesticides
- Pool or spa chemicals
- Weed killers

Shed & Garage:

- Automotive fluids such as antifreeze, battery acid, or brake fluid
- Gasoline & kerosene
- Glue (solvent based)
- Motor oil
- Mouse or rat poison
- Paint (latex or oil)
- Paint removers & thinners
- Solvents
- Vehicle batteries
- Wood preservatives

***EMPTY** aerosol cans, chemical containers, and paint cans may go in the trash.

****ALKALINE** batteries have been determined to be non-hazardous, and may go in the trash.

How to Package & Transport Chemicals

1. Do **NOT** mix chemicals together.
2. Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
3. Place containers in cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper in the boxes to prevent breakage.
4. Place leaky containers in clear plastic bags and transport in boxes with newspaper.
5. Put boxes in the trunk or in the back of vehicle away from passengers.
6. Place individual batteries in separate plastic bags, or cover terminals with heavy tape to prevent short circuits.

What **NOT** to bring to the HEC₃

"Special" Waste Items

The following items should **NOT** be brought to the HEC₃ or mobile collections. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit to find safe disposal options.

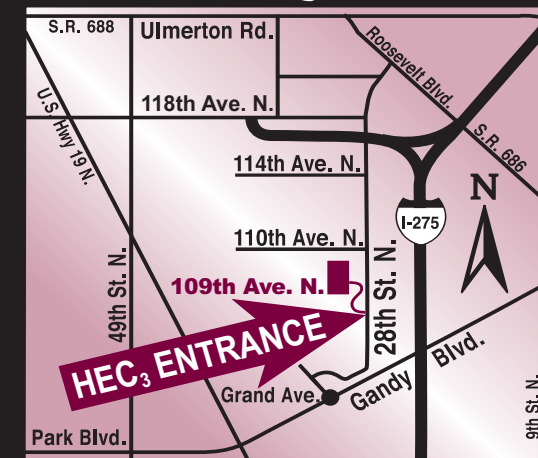
- Appliances
- Biological/infectious waste
- Explosives
- Fans, toasters, vacuums
- Fire extinguishers
- Medicine
- Propane tanks
- Radioactive waste



Can't come to the HEC₃?

Use one of the numerous mobile collection events held at convenient locations throughout the county. Mobile collection events are scheduled from 9 AM – 2 PM on various Saturdays from September through May. As another alternative, homeowner associations or other resident groups may schedule their own mini-mobile collection events, which use the Haz-to-Go trailer. For more information, call (727) 464-7500 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

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Open: Monday - Friday: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed Sunday and all observed county holidays

Business options

The HEC₃ is FREE for residents. Businesses may only use the HEC₃ on the 12 EnviroBusiness Days, which are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9 AM – 4 PM. Businesses pay the contractor directly at the county's reduced rate for disposal. For more information on business hazardous waste disposal, visit www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste