

Check your bill inserts for important information about fluoride.

## Don't Trash the Holidays!

Holiday boxes, gift wrap, packaging and party goods add truckloads of extra garbage to the landfill. Start your own "reduce, reuse, and recycle" holiday traditions, and trim your waste.



- Reuse shopping bags, boxes, bows and gift bags.
- Reuse an artificial tree or recycle a "real" tree.
- Entertain with reusable dishes, silverware and cloth napkins instead of disposable utensils, Styrofoam and paper products.
- Give eco-friendly items such as gift certificates or movie tickets.
- Make room for new gifts by donating items to local charities.

For more waste-trimming tips, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/holidays](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/holidays).



## Cooking for the Holidays?

Avoid opening the oven door repeatedly to check on food while it's cooking. Each time you open the door, the temperature can drop by 25 degrees, requiring additional energy to reheat the oven. Instead, turn on the interior light and look through the window of the oven door.

Pinellas County



Household Electronics and  
Chemical Collection Center

2855 109th Ave. N., St. Petersburg  
(off 28th Street)

## Do the Right Thing – Year Round

Missed the mobile collections? Drop off your household hazardous waste items at the permanent HEC<sub>3</sub> facility. It's **free** for Pinellas County residents.\* While you're there, visit the **Swap Shop** to pick up free & reusable items (such as paint, cleaners and gardening products), drop off your recycling (mixed paper, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum cans, steel cans and plastic bottles), and pick up free mulch.

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday      6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday                7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Sunday and all county observed holidays

\* *Businesses pay reduced fees. EnviroBusiness Days (hazardous waste collection events) are held on the second Wednesday of every month.*

For more information on what to bring and what NOT to bring, call **(727) 464-7500** or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities).