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Computers

computer equipment including CPU, monitor, laptop, keyboard, printer, mouse, scanner, external drive, modem, tape drive, battery backup (UPS or power supply)



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

* View [Ten Tips for Donating a Computer](#) or [Top 10 Ways to Recycle Your Old Computer](#).

1. **Reduce** waste by repairing computer equipment, so you can keep it (see “Computer—Service & Repair” in the Yellow Pages). Consider buying a used computer instead of a new one (see “Computer—Used” in the Yellow Pages).
2. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
3. *Dunedin residents:* The City of Dunedin offers [curbside pickup of electronics](#). There is a recycling fee of \$15.82 per item (no charge for small computer accessories, such as a keyboard). Call 298-3215 so the item(s) may be collected promptly. Please mark the item(s) with your street address.
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. (562-4920). Bring up to six electronics and a utility bill for proof of residency.
5. *St. Petersburg residents:* The City of St. Petersburg offers [curbside pickup of computers](#) for recycling including monitors, CPUs, and printers. Call 893-7398 first to request a free pickup.
6. *Gulfport residents:* The City of Gulfport offers curbside pickup of electronics. There is a recycling fee of \$16.87 per item. Call 893-1089 to request a pickup.
7. *Treasure Island residents:* The City of Treasure Island offers [curbside pickup of electronics](#). There is a recycling fee of \$15 for the first item and \$5 for each additional item. Call 547-4575, ext. 250 to request a pickup.
8. **Donate** working computers to a needy nonprofit or school (which is responsible for pickup) by contacting [National Cristina Foundation](#). Pentium II and higher CPUs are accepted (no Pentium I, II or 486 CPUs).



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9. **Contact** a local computer dealer to see if they buy used computer equipment (or accept donations). They may accept trade-ins on new equipment.
10. **Donate** working computers for reuse:
 - a) [Local thrift store or charity](#). Call first. Some do not accept computers, but others such as [PARC](#) do (free pickup available for businesses).
 - b) [Senior Citizens Services](#), 1204 Rogers St., Clearwater, 442-8104, for computer training (older models are fine, if in working condition).
 - c) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg), and list your computer.
 - d) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your computer.
 - e) Free newspaper ads—[St. Petersburg Times](#) (3 lines) or [Tampa Bay Newspapers](#) (15 words).
11. **Drop off** at a [Staples store](#) customer service desk for recycling. The fee is \$10 per item (e.g., \$20 to drop off a monitor and printer). There is no charge for Dell-brand equipment. No charge for small items such as a mouse or keyboard.
12. **Drop off** at an [Office Depot store](#) customer service desk for recycling. The fee to purchase a [Tech Recycling Box](#) ranges from \$5-\$15 depending on which size box you need (sizes range from 8" to 24" high).
13. **Drop off** at a [Best Buy store](#) for recycling ([program info](#)). There is a fee of \$10 each for electronics with a screen, including computers and monitors, which is offset with a \$10 gift card. For desktop or laptop computers, the hard drive must be removed, or you can pay a fee of \$20 for the data to be erased.
14. **Drop off** at [OC Management](#), 200 Tower Dr., Suite C, Oldsmar M-F 9am-4pm for free recycling (813-855-2233). All computer equipment is accepted, including monitors.
15. **Drop off** computers, including monitors, for free recycling at a [Florida E-Waste GreenSite](#).
16. **Drop off** computers for free recycling at National E-Cycle and Salvage, 4505 131st Ave. N., Clearwater M-F 8am-4pm (540-0239). There is no charge except a 15 cents per pound fee for CRT monitors.
17. **Drop off** at Monitors & More, 6101 Haines Rd., St. Petersburg (522-4405), M-F 10:30am-6pm or Sat. 12-4pm for repair or recycling. \$10 fee for CRT monitors only; may be offset by value of computer (cash paid for late model computers).

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18. **Request pickup** (businesses only) from Monitors & More. Call 522-4405 for free pickup at any business in Pinellas County with five or more computers. Fee of \$10 each for CRT monitors only.
19. **Sell, trade in or donate** computer equipment online. It's free with postage-paid shipping. Payment is based on value (and may be zero). The items will be resold or recycled.
- [Best Buy](#) (check or Best Buy gift card) - *desktop, monitor (flat panel only), laptop, tablet*
 - [Gazelle](#) (PayPal cash, check, Walmart Visa, Amazon.com gift card or charity) - *desktop, monitor (flat panel only), laptop, external drive*
 - [MyBoneYard](#) (prepaid Visa card or charity) - *laptop, tablet*
 - [Radio Shack](#) (Radio Shack gift card) - *desktop, monitor (flat panel only), laptop, tablet*
 - [Recycle for Breast Cancer](#) (charity) - *laptop*
 - [ReThink](#) (PayPal cash or check) - *desktop, monitor (flat panel only), laptop, tablet*
 - [Sam's Club / ecoNew](#) (Sam's Club gift card) - *laptop, tablet*
 - [Target/NextWorth](#) (Target gift card) - *laptop, tablet*
 - [TigerDirect](#) (TigerDirect gift card) - *desktop, monitor (flat panel only), laptop*
 - [YouRenew](#) (check or PayPal) - *laptop*

20. Contact a computer company to **trade, sell, or recycle** your equipment:

Company	Program	Phone
Apple	Free recycling of any brand computer or monitor when you buy an Apple computer.	800-692-7753
Dell	Free recycling of Dell computer equipment by dropping off at Staples stores or requesting a prepaid-shipping label from their website. Free recycling on non-Dell brand computers when you buy a new Dell.	800-915-3355
Gateway	Trade-in or recycling options for Gateway or non-Gateway brands.	(949) 305-6600
HP	Trade in or recycling options for HP or non-HP equipment.	(888) 285-2009
IBM	Buyback for IBM for large volume only. To determine if an individual IBM product is eligible for recycling through the Lenovo program, please email .	(607) 429-4312
Lenovo	Free recycling for Lenovo products via mail-back.	(866) 968-4465 email
Sony	Trade-in or recycling for Sony or non-Sony brands.	888-309-2944
Toshiba	Trade-in or recycling options for Toshiba or non-Toshiba equipment.	888-255-7816

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21. **Business options:**

- a) See options listed above.
- b) **Drop off** computer equipment ([fees](#) range from zero to 5¢ per pound) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
- c) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling and Disposal Company](#) for local pickup.

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