



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.

Paper Shopping Bags

empty, dry brown paper bags

1. **Reduce:**
 - a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are buying only a few items, or something that is easy to carry such as a 12-pack of soda.
 - b) Bring your own bag. Reusable bags are widely available for \$1 or less. Some stores offer credit for bringing your own bag (such as Target offers 5¢ per bag).
2. **Reuse:**
 - a) storage
 - b) carry items
 - c) wrap packages to mail
 - d) cover books
3. **Recycle in your yard:**
 - a) Put bags in your compost bin (tear into small pieces first for best results).
 - b) Use bags as a [weed barrier](#) (put down over weeds and cover with mulch).
4. **Recycle** at [curbside or drop-off](#) with “mixed paper” or “cardboard”.
NOTE: It is handy to use paper bags to collect your recyclable paper since the paper bag can be recycled along with its contents.
5. **Recycle** at local grocery stores. Look for recycling containers marked “paper bags” near the store entrance:
 - a) [Publix](#)
 - b) [Sweetbay](#)
6. **Recycle** paper bags with craft projects such as:
 - a) [Hand Puppets](#)
 - b) [Piñata](#)

Also see: [Plastic bags](#)