



## 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.

### Smoke Detectors

*battery-operated or electrical device used to warn occupants of smoke*



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!  
Never break open a smoke detector!**

\* Smoke detectors that use ionization sensor technology are hazardous due to a small amount of radioactive material (Americium 241) inside. The material is not harmful unless the device is opened so never take a smoke detector apart or burn it in a fireplace. Smoke detectors that use photoelectric sensor technology are not hazardous.

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
2. **Return** an old or defective smoke detector to the manufacturer:
  - a) Manufacturers are required by law to accept ionization detectors for disposal as hazardous waste.
  - b) Look for the manufacturer information on the bottom or inside of the detector, or in the instruction/warranty materials.
  - c) If you can't find an address or phone number on your detector, look for the brand name. Mail the smoke detector to the manufacturer using ground mail (not airmail):

Brand Name	Company	Mailing Address	Phone
American Sensors	<a href="#">Dicon Global</a>	88B East Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 6 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, L4B 4W2 <i>(Mark envelope FOR DISPOSAL)</i>	1-800-387-4219
BRK	<a href="#">First Alert</a>	Customer Service Disposal, 3901 Liberty St. Rd., Aurora, IL 60504 <i>(up to 5 units)</i>	1-800-323-9005
Code One	<a href="#">Kidde</a>	For Disposal, 1016 Corporate Park Dr., Mebane, NC 27302	1-800-880-6788
Dicon Global	<a href="#">Dicon Global</a>	88B East Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 6 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, L4B 4W2 <i>(Mark envelope FOR DISPOSAL)</i>	1-800-387-4219
Family Guard	<a href="#">First Alert</a>	Customer Service Disposal, 3901 Liberty St. Rd., Aurora, IL 60504 <i>(up to 5 units)</i>	1-800-323-9005
Firex	<a href="#">Kidde</a>	For Disposal, 1016 Corporate Park Dr., Mebane, NC 27302	1-800-880-6788
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Brand Name	Company	Mailing Address	Phone
Garrison	<a href="#">Dicon Global</a>	88B East Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 6 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, L4B 4W2 <i>(Mark envelope FOR DISPOSAL)</i>	1-800-387-4219
Gentex	<a href="#">Gentex</a>	<i>Gentex smoke detectors are photoelectric and contain no radioactive materials. They may be safely disposed in the regular trash.</i>	1-800-436-8391
Honeywell	<a href="#">Honeywell</a>	Returned Goods, Dock 4-MN103860, Golden Valley, MN 55422	1-800-328-5111
Kidde	<a href="#">Kidde</a>	For Disposal, 1016 Corporate Park Dr., Mebane, NC 27302	1-800-880-6788
LifeSaver	<a href="#">Kidde</a>	For Disposal, 1016 Corporate Park Dr., Mebane, NC 27302	1-800-880-6788
Masterguard	<a href="#">Masterguard</a>	<i>Masterguard smoke detectors are photoelectric and contain no radioactive materials. They may be safely disposed in the regular trash.</i>	1-877-453-3473
Nighthawk	<a href="#">Kidde</a>	For Disposal, 1016 Corporate Park Dr., Mebane, NC 27302	1-800-880-6788
North-American	<a href="#">Dicon Global</a>	88B East Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 6 Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, L4B 4W2 <i>(Mark envelope FOR DISPOSAL)</i>	1-800-387-4219
System Sensor	<a href="#">System Sensor</a>	3825 Ohio Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174 <i>(\$3 fee per smoke detector—call first for return authorization number)</i>	1-800-736-7672
Triad Safety Systems	<a href="#">Triad Safety Systems</a>	4595 Airport Rd., Kearney NE 68847 <i>(Call first before mailing)</i>	1-800-240-7681

#### 3. Businesses options:

- a) See #2 above for mail-back instructions.
- b) Contact a [Chemical Recycling and Disposal Company](#).

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*The listing is not all-inclusive or exclusive, and is subject to change. Contact the organizations listed to verify program details.*

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