



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.

Water Softener Tank

treatment device used to soften water by removing minerals



**Water softener controls and salt are hazardous waste.
Do NOT dispose with regular trash!**

* A water softener unit includes two tanks, resin beads, salt, and electronic controls.
The tanks and the resin beads are safe to throw away.
The salt and electronic control panel are hazardous and should not be thrown away.

1. **Ask** the delivery person to take your old water softener away if you have a new unit delivered.
2. **Drop off** an electronic control panel or salt from a water softener at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
 - a) Don't bring the entire unit.
 - b) If the unit has an electronic control panel, disassemble it from the tanks.
 - c) Use heavy duty buckets or containers (not bags) to transport the used salt from the brine tank.
 - d) Dispose tanks or resin beads with regular trash.
3. **Sell** a working unit through a yard sale, Internet, or [Craigslist For Sale](#).
4. **Donate** working unit:
 - a) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, Largo, North Pinellas, or St. Petersburg), and list your water softener.
 - b) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your water softener.
5. **Dispose**. Remove the electronic control panel and salt first (see #2 above).
 - a) Residents living in municipalities, see [Bulk Item Disposal by Municipality](#) for contact information
 - b) Residents not living in municipalities, see [Bulk Item Disposal for Unincorporated Areas](#) for a list of haulers.
 - c) Drop off at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles).
6. **Business** options:
 - a) **Drop off** electronic controls or salt from a water softener (for a [fee](#)) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
 - b) **Dispose** tanks or resin beads with regular trash.

NOTE: None of the used appliance stores or secondhand stores that we contacted accept water softeners.