



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.

Thermometers

*temperature gauge used for testing a person's body (fever),
air (indoor or outdoor), oven, candy, meat, or industrial applications*



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

* A thermometer with **silver liquid** contains mercury, and is hazardous unless it is labeled "mercury-free". A thermometer with **liquid that is not silver** (such as red) does not contain mercury and may be disposed in the regular trash. Digital thermometers do not contain mercury but are still considered hazardous due to the digital display and button cell battery.

1. **Replace** an old mercury-containing thermometer with a new digital one to avoid possible breakage.
2. **To clean up** a broken mercury thermometer:
 - a) NEVER use a vacuum that can spread mercury vapor and could contaminate the vacuum unit.
 - b) Read the instructions on [What to do if a Mercury Thermometer Breaks](#) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
3. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) (free for residents). For safety while transporting a thermometer, use its storage case. If you don't have a case, a plastic soda bottle with a lid may be used.
4. **Business options:**
 - a) **Drop off** (for a [fee](#)) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
 - b) **Contact** a [Chemical Recycling and Disposal Company](#).

Also see: [Thermostat](#)