



## Household Electronics & Chemicals

Below is information for proper recycling and disposal of electronics and chemicals at the HEC<sub>3</sub> facility. Businesses, including nonprofit and religious organizations, haulers, hobbyists, property managers and salvagers, should refer to page 19.

### Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC<sub>3</sub>)

If the items were used in their homes, Pinellas County residents can drop off unwanted household electronics and chemicals for free. Limits apply.



- **Pinellas County's Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC<sub>3</sub>)** located at 2855 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. (off 28<sup>th</sup> St. N., just south of 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.) in St. Petersburg, 33716 (see map on page 3). Open Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on county-observed holidays.
- **Haz-to-Go events** (see page 17).
- **Mobile collection events** (see page 21).

### Visit our Swap Shop!

The Swap Shop offers used household chemicals and paint FREE to residents and governmental entities. We screen all items brought to the HEC<sub>3</sub> for placement in our Swap Shop. Although inventory varies, the Swap Shop usually has the following items:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive fluid
- Household cleaners & disinfectants
- Fertilizer (*available Oct. 1 through May 31*)
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Lubricants
- Mineral spirits
- Paint & paint removers
- Stains & polyurethane
- Turpentine

Quantities may be limited.

### Disposal Information

- Electronics collected are recycled for their parts.
- Chemicals collected are recycled, reused at the Swap Shop, reclaimed or blended for fuel. Lawn and garden chemicals are destroyed in a hazardous waste incinerator.

### Quantity Limits Accepted (Per vehicle)

- 6 televisions (must be whole)
- 20 1-gallon paint containers
- 5 5-gallon paint containers (all empty containers may be put in garbage)
- 5 computers
- 12 fluorescent bulbs
- 5 5-gallon containers of fuel, gasoline or kerosene
- 1 5-gallon container of automotive fluids & oil

Customers with quantities in excess of the limits above or with electronics stripped of precious metals may be considered a business. Loads will be evaluated upon arrival. Visit the EnviroBusiness website at [www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste](http://www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste) for more information.

### Safely transporting chemicals and electronics

It is important to follow these transportation tips to safely deliver your items to the HEC<sub>3</sub>, mobile collection events or Haz-To-Go events:

- Don't mix chemicals.
- Keep chemicals in their original containers.

- Put leaky containers in **clear** plastic bags.
- Put containers in open cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper to keep chemicals upright and separated.
- Put boxes in the trunk or in the back of the vehicle away from passengers.
- Cover rechargeable battery terminals with electrical tape to prevent short circuits, or place in individual plastic bags. Alkaline batteries should be disposed in the garbage.

**Cooking Oil** - Bring to the HEC<sub>3</sub>, mobile collection events, Haz-to-Go events or to cooking oil drop-off sites identified on pages 8-11. Do **NOT** pour oil down the drain as it will clog pipes and lead to sewer backups. Small amount may be placed in the garbage.

### Fluorescent (tubes and compact) light bulbs

Dispose of at one of the above-listed locations or dispose of at one of the large chain stores that accepts these bulbs (call first to confirm). Refer to the **A to Z Guide** at [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle) for more options.

**Used Motor Oil** - Pour into the original containers. Do NOT put oil in containers that used to contain paint, chemicals, solvents, bleach, drinks or food. Drop off at HEC<sub>3</sub> or local auto stores accepting used oil. Call stores first. Refer to the **A to Z Guide** at [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle) for more options.