



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.

Christmas Trees

tree used for Christmas decorations

CHRISTMAS TREES:

1. **Reduce** waste by using a live (potted) tree or artificial tree instead of a cut tree.
2. **Recycle** a cut Christmas tree after removing all lights and decorations:
 - a) Build a brush pile with the tree in your backyard to create a wildlife refuge for birds or animals.
 - b) Recycle at curbside or drop-off (see [Christmas Tree Recycling flyer](#)).
 - c) Recycle at [Solid Waste Operations](#):
 - \$3 per load for a maximum of 5 trees
 - \$37.50/ton for 6 or more trees
3. **Reuse** an artificial tree that is damaged but has salvageable parts:
 - a) Use the top section as a centerpiece or mini tabletop tree.
 - b) Create a wreath or garland from usable branches.
 - c) Use the tree outside where the damage will be less noticeable.
4. **Donate** a usable artificial Christmas tree:
 - a) [Local thrift store or charity](#)
 - b) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg), and list your tree.
 - c) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your tree.

Also see: [Christmas lights](#)