



## 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.

### Fluorescent Ballasts

*lamp unit that holds a fluorescent bulb*



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

1. **Drop off** at a [mobile collection](#) or [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#) for recycling (free for residents). Ballasts or bulbs are acceptable, but not the light fixture, which may be safely thrown away.
2. **Business options:**
  - a) **Return** to the vendor if they have a take-back program.
  - b) **Drop off** fluorescent ballasts (for a [fee](#)) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC<sub>3</sub> facility. Ballasts or bulbs are acceptable, but not the light fixture, which may be safely thrown away.
  - c) **Contact** a [building materials recycler](#) (working ballasts only).
  - d) **Recycle** using a mail-in program (fee varies). View a list of [recycling companies](#) from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.
  - e) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling and Disposal Company](#).

**NOTE:** Ballasts manufactured after 1979 that are labeled “contains no PCBs” are not hazardous waste and may be safely disposed in the regular trash.

Check with your ballast manufacturer to see if your unit is “PCB-free” (for example, see [GE procedures to determine if a ballast contains PCBs](#)).

**If in doubt, recycle your ballast instead of trashing it.**

Also see: [Fluorescent bulbs](#)