



## 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 Bulbs

used fluorescent light bulbs including tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs),  
“green tip” (low mercury) bulbs, and projector bulbs



**These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash!  
Do not break or crush bulbs or you could be exposed to mercury vapor.**

### \* What if a fluorescent bulb breaks?

Careful clean-up is required because bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. Do not use a broom or vacuum.

Click here for [fluorescent bulb clean-up procedures](#).

Click here for [video about compact fluorescent bulbs](#) (6 min.).

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#) for recycling (free for residents). You can also drop off broken bulbs or clean-up materials such as a zip-lock bag containing duct tape used to pick up glass fragments. Bulbs or ballasts are acceptable, but not the light fixture, which may be safely thrown away.
2. **Drop off** bulbs at a [Home Depot](#) or [Lowe's](#) store (returns counter inside the door) for recycling:
  - a) Spiral compact fluorescent bulbs only
  - b) No fluorescent tubes or non-spiral compact fluorescent bulbs
3. **Drop off** at [Ikea](#), 1103 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Tampa (by Customer Service) for recycling:
  - a) Compact fluorescent bulbs (no fluorescent tubes)
  - b) Any non-fluorescent light bulbs (including incandescent or halogen bulbs)
  - c) Residential use only (not for businesses)
4. *St. Petersburg residents:* **Drop off** unbroken fluorescent bulbs—tubes or compact—at the Sanitation Dept., 2601 20th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, from Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm (893-7398) for free with proof of residency such as a driver's license. Limit 10 per month.
5. **Schools** or **government** facilities with spent projector bulbs can contact [ReLampIt](#) for free recycling (minimum five bulbs) at (631) 244-0051, or submit a [service request form](#).
6. **Business** options:
  - a) **Drop off** fluorescent bulbs (for a fee of 15¢ per foot) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC<sub>3</sub> facility. Bulbs or ballasts are acceptable, but not the light fixture, which may be thrown away.
  - b) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling and Disposal Company](#) for local pickup.
  - c) **Recycle** using a mail-in program (fee varies). View a list of [recycling companies](#) from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

*This guide is provided as a service for our residents. A listing does not constitute an endorsement by Pinellas County.*

*The listing is not all-inclusive or exclusive, and is subject to change. Contact the organizations listed to verify program details.*

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**NOTE:** Standard (incandescent) light bulbs may be safely disposed in the regular trash. To learn more about CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs), see [Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb FAQs](#).

Also see: [Fluorescent ballasts](#)