



## 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.

### Freon

*trade name for refrigerants (CFC and HCFC) used for cooling items such as air conditioners, freezers, or refrigerators*



**This is hazardous waste. Freon has not been manufactured in the U.S. since 1996 since it can damage the ozone layer. Do NOT dispose liquid freon with regular trash or release freon gas! EMPTY freon cylinders are safe to dispose in the trash.**

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#) for recycling (free for residents). Small freon cylinders (1 lb. or less) only are accepted.
2. **Business options:**
  - a) **Drop off** (for a [fee](#)) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC<sub>3</sub> facility. Small freon cylinders (1 lb. or less) only are accepted.
  - b) **Contact** an [EPA-Certified Refrigerant Reclaimer](#) to handle used freon safely. Many of these companies provide free recovery cylinders and pick-up service, and some even pay for freon (in large quantities).
  - c) **Contact** a [Chemical Recycling and Disposal Company](#).
3. **Additional information** from EPA website:
  - a) [Freon alternatives](#)
  - b) [Freon in vehicle air conditioning](#)
4. Individuals or businesses with **EMPTY freon cylinders:**
  - a) Must first remove the valve. If there is still freon inside, it must be removed by a contractor (see 2b above).
  - b) Drop off at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles).
  - c) Sell to a [scrap metal recycler](#).

Also see: [Appliances](#)