



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.

Syringes

needles, lancets, or sharps used for injecting medicine; used diabetic test strips



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

* Syringes are considered hazardous biomedical waste, and must be handled through the Household Used Sharps Exchange Program or by an approved [biomedical waste transporter](#). For more information, contact Pinellas County Health Dept. Biomedical Waste Coordinator William Bongiovanni at 507-4336, ext. 1337 or visit the [Health Dept. website](#).

1. Pinellas County residents and visitors can safely dispose of syringes through the Household Used Sharps Exchange Program (free program):
 - a) To begin, pick up a “sharps container” from one of the sites listed below.
 - b) Put your used syringes in the container. Do not snap off or recap the needle.
 - c) When the container is full of discarded syringes and/or test strips, take it to one of the following sites to exchange it for a new container:

Name	Address	City	Phone
All Children's Hospital <i>(emergency room)</i>	501 - 6 th Ave. S.	St. Petersburg	767-8400
Bayfront Medical Center <i>(security main entrance)</i>	701 - 6th St. S.	St. Petersburg	893-6144
Edward White Hospital <i>(front door reception area)</i>	2323 - 9th Ave. N.	St. Petersburg	323-1111
Family Care at Walsingham <i>(front door reception area)</i>	13540 Walsingham Rd.	Largo	593-5492
Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital <i>(emergency room)</i>	1395 S. Pinellas Ave.	Tarpon Springs	942-5008
Largo Medical Center <i>(laboratory)</i>	201 - 14th St. S.W.	Largo	588-5200 ext. 5808
Largo Medical Center - Indian Rocks <i>(emergency room admitting)</i>	2025 Indian Rocks Rd.	Largo	586-7111
Morton Plant Mease - Bardmoor <i>(emergency room)</i>	8839 Bryan Dairy Rd.	Largo	395-2600
Morton Plant Mease - Clearwater <i>(emergency room)</i>	300 Pinellas St.	Clearwater	461-8552
Morton Plant Mease - Countryside <i>(emergency room)</i>	3231 McMullen Booth Rd.	Safety Harbor	725-6100
Morton Plant Mease - Dunedin <i>(emergency room)</i>	601 Main St.	Dunedin	734-6141



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Name	Address	City	Phone
Northside Medical Center <i>(emergency room)</i>	6000 - 49th St. N.	St. Petersburg	521-4411
Palms of Pasadena Hospital <i>(front door reception area)</i>	1501 Pasadena Ave. S.	St. Petersburg	381-1000
St. Anthony's Hospital <i>(emergency room security desk)</i>	1200 - 7th Ave. N.	St. Petersburg	825-1100
St. Petersburg Medical Center <i>(information desk)</i>	6500 - 38th Ave. N.	St. Petersburg	384-1414

2. **Businesses** may not dispose of hazardous pharmaceutical waste in the regular trash.
 - a) Non-hazardous, over-the-counter pharmaceutical waste: Call Solid Waste Operations at 464-7500 for acceptance criteria.
 - b) Medical industry: Call a Florida Dept. of Health registered [biomedical waste transporter](#) who will provide collection boxes/bags, pickup and safe disposal.
 - c) For more information: See [Pharmaceutical Waste Management](#) from the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection.

NOTE: Syringes are **NOT** accepted at [Solid Waste Operations](#), [mobile collections](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#).