



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.

Cartridges

used (spent) inkjet or laser toner cartridges used for office machinery including printers, photocopiers, or fax machines



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

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
2. **Drop off** at a school for recycling. Check with your local school since many raise money by collecting cartridges. For information on school programs, contact [Hands On Recycling](#) (251-9367).
3. **Drop off** at a local store for recycling:
 - a) Staples – Accepts all brands and offers \$3 each in Staples Rewards[®] ([locations](#)).
 - b) Office Depot – Accepts HP, Dell, Lexmark, or Office Depot brands only and offers \$3 each in Recycling Rewards[®] ([locations](#)).
 - c) Best Buy – Accepts inkjet cartridges only in drop box in store entryway ([locations](#))
 - d) Walgreens photo counter – Accepts inkjet cartridges only. Offers incentives such as a coupon for 10 free prints ([locations](#) – NOTE: only the stores that offer inkjet refills accept cartridges).
 - e) FedEx Office (formerly Kinko's) – Accepts any cartridges at the customer service desk ([locations](#)).
 - f) [eCycling](#) – Accepts any cartridges (7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 475, Largo, M-F 8am-5pm, toll-free 866-771-9785).
4. *Safety Harbor residents:* **Drop off** for recycling at Safety Harbor Public Works, 1200 Railroad Ave., 724-1550 (free for residents).
5. **Pick up** a postage-paid pre-addressed envelope at a local [PetSmart](#) store to recycle inkjet cartridges (not laser) or cell phones to benefit homeless pets.
6. **Mail** back to the manufacturer. If there is no postage-paid mailing label inside the cartridge box, you can print one from their Web site, such as:
 - a) [Canon](#)
 - b) [Dell](#)
 - c) [Hewlett-Packard](#) (HP)
 - d) [Ricoh](#)
 - e) [Samsung](#)
 - f) [Xerox](#)



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7. **Mail** to a recycling fundraising company that offers free collection boxes, postage-paid shipping labels, and cash incentives. Many schools and nonprofits raise money by recycling cartridges and/or cell phones.
 - a) [Planet Green Recycle](#)
 - b) [Advantage Cartridge](#)
 - c) [Office Depot](#)
 - d) Type “cartridge recycling” in your favorite search engine for others.

8. **Mail** inkjet cartridges to a charity using a postage-paid mailer. You can find opportunities on the Internet, or locally (such as [Big Cat Rescue](#), 813-920-4130, e-mail ink@bigcatrescue.org).

9. **Businesses** can drop off printer cartridges (no charge) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility. They can use the options above, contact an [Electronics Recycling / Disposal Company](#), or call one of the following local businesses which accept used cartridges:

| Name | Address | City | Phone | Laser & inkjet cartridges | Drop-off & pick-up* |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Carrco | 13191 - 56 th Ct. N. | St. Petersburg | 572-8866 | Yes | Yes |
| Discount Toner | 228 - 11 th Ave., S.W. | Largo | 581-7738 | Yes | Yes |
| eCycling | 7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 475 | Largo | 866-771-9785 | Yes | Yes |
| Good Earth Company of Tampa Bay | P.O. Box 18184 | Tampa | 813-831-8581 | Yes | Pick-up only |
| Hands On Recycling <i>(funds donated to schools)</i> | 1397 - 88 th Ave. N. | St. Petersburg | 251-9367 | Yes | Pick-up only |
| Malvern Group Cartridge Services | 2066 Weaver Pk. Dr. | Clearwater | 446-1469 | Yes | Yes |
| Martech/Miller | 7273 Bryan Dairy Rd. | Largo | 547-0877 | Laser only | Yes |
| One Source Technology | 6454 - 126 th Ave. N. | Largo | 531-1458 | Laser only | Yes |
| Pinellas Office Machine | 1492 Missouri Ave. S. | Clearwater | 446-4825 | HP and Canon laser only | Yes |
| Top Notch Toner | 720 Virginia Ave. | Palm Harbor | 785-4992 | Laser only | Yes |

***Pick-up service is for large quantities only.**

NOTE: The options listed above are for toner cartridges. Toner that is inside a bottle is not easily recyclable. If the manufacturer provides a prepaid mailing label, send the empty toner bottle back to them for recycling. If not, you can dispose used toner bottles in the regular trash. You cannot recycle toner bottles with other plastic bottles since there are metallic elements inside the bottle to disperse the toner.

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

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