



## 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.

### Ceiling Tiles

*lightweight acoustical drop-ceiling tiles or panels*

#### **RESIDENT:**

1. **Donate** usable ceiling tiles:
  - a) Use [Freecycle](#). Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg).
  - b) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)
  - c) For larger quantities (at least one pallet), see Business 1e. below.
  - d) NOTE: We contacted local building material recyclers in Pinellas County, such as Habitat for Humanity, and they do not accept ceiling tiles.

#### **BUSINESS:**

Businesses can earn points toward Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by recycling ceiling tiles. Several tile manufacturers offer programs:

1. [Armstrong Ceiling Tile Recycling Program](#)
  - a) Mineral fiber ceiling tiles (any brand) or Armstrong brand fiberglass panels are accepted.
  - b) See Armstrong [requirements for recycling](#) (such as no foil-backed tiles, wet tiles, moldy tiles, asbestos tiles, etc.).
  - c) It is not necessary to buy new tiles from Armstrong to have them recycle your old tiles.
  - d) *For full truckloads*, call Armstrong's Recycling Coordinator Keith Mullen at 1-877-276-7876 (options 1, 8) or [email](#) for free pick-up.
  - e) *For less than a truckload* (under 30,000 sq. ft.), contact Gator Gypsum in Clearwater at 573-4331, a local Armstrong Certified Ceiling Recycling Contractor, that collects tiles to be transported to Armstrong's recycling facility in Pensacola, Florida. There is a fee for pick-up. You can drop off tiles for no charge, but they must be palletized and meet the Armstrong [requirements for recycling](#).
2. [CertainTeed Ceiling Tile Recycling Program](#)
  - a) Mineral fiber ceiling tiles (any brand) are accepted.
  - b) You must buy tiles from CertainTeed for them to recycle old tiles.
  - c) Send a sample of two tiles for evaluation (see [requirements for recycling](#)).
  - d) For full truckloads, call CertainTeed at 800-233-8990 for free pick-up. For smaller quantities, the tile must be transported to their plant in Meridian, MS.
3. **Ask** your tile manufacturer since other companies may offer recycling.
4. **Ask** your demolition contractor if they recycle ceiling tiles.
5. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles).

**NOTE:** If ceiling tiles contain asbestos, special handling is necessary (see [Asbestos](#)).