



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) [Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#), 13355 - 49th St. N., Clearwater, 209-2199
 - b) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg), and list your tiles.
 - c) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select “post” to list your tiles.
 - d) For larger quantities (at least one pallet), see Business 1e. below.

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 or fiberglass panels (any brand) are accepted.
 - b) It is not necessary to buy new tiles from Armstrong to have them recycle your old tiles.
 - c) Before removing tiles, call Armstrong at 1-877-276-7876 (options 1, 8) to discuss [requirements for recycling](#) (such as no foil-backed or wet tiles) and asbestos survey.
 - d) *For full truckloads*, call Armstrong’s Recycling Coordinator Keith Mullen at 1-877-276-7876 (options 1, 8) or [e-mail](#) for free pick-up.
 - e) *For less than a truckload* (under 30,000 sq. ft.), contact a local Armstrong Certified Ceiling Recycling Contractor to collect tiles to be transported to Armstrong’s recycling facility in Pensacola, Florida:
 - Gator Gypsum, Clearwater (573-4331)
 - Specialty Products, Tampa (813-623-3511)
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 800-346-7978 for free pickup. 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](#)).