



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.

Fluorescent Ballasts

lamp unit that holds a fluorescent bulb



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

1. **Return** to vendor if they have a take-back program.
2. **Drop off** at a [mobile collection](#) or [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
3. **Business options:**
 - a) See #1 above.
 - b) **Contact** a [building materials recycler](#) (working ballasts only).
 - c) *St. Petersburg residents or businesses:* The City of St. Petersburg offers **free pick-up** of fluorescent ballasts within city limits. To schedule a pick-up, call 893-7398 from Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-4pm.
 - d) **Drop off** fluorescent ballasts (for a [fee](#)) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
 - e) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling / Disposal Company](#).

NOTE: Ballasts manufactured after 1979 that are labeled “contains no PCBs” are not hazardous waste and may be safely disposed in the regular trash.

Check with your ballast manufacturer to see if your unit is “PCB-free” (for example, see [GE procedures to determine if a ballast contains PCBs](#)).

If in doubt, recycle your ballast instead of trashing it.