



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 Bulbs

used fluorescent light bulbs including tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), and “green tip” (low mercury) bulbs



These are hazardous waste. Do NOT dispose with regular trash! Do not break or crush bulbs or you could be exposed to mercury vapor.

* What if a fluorescent bulb breaks?

Careful clean-up is required because bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. Do not use a broom or vacuum.

Click here for [fluorescent bulb clean-up procedures](#).

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents). You can also drop off broken bulbs or contaminated clean-up materials such as a zip-lock bag containing duct tape used to pick up glass fragments.
2. **Drop off** at a [Home Depot](#) store (returns counter) *spiral compact* fluorescent bulbs for recycling. They do not accept fluorescent tubes or non-spiral compact fluorescent bulbs.
3. **Drop off** at [Ikea](#), 1103 N. 22nd St., Tampa (next to Customer Service counter) for recycling:
 - a) Any fluorescent bulbs including compact and fluorescent tubes
 - b) Any light bulbs (including incandescent or halogen bulbs)
 - c) Residential use only (not for businesses)
4. *St. Petersburg residents:* **Drop off** unbroken fluorescent bulbs—tubes or compact—at the Sanitation Dept., 2001-28th St. N., St. Petersburg, from Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-4pm (893-7398) for free with proof of residency such as a driver’s license. Limit 10 per month.
5. **Business options:**
 - a) **See** #2 and #4 listed above.
 - b) **Drop off** fluorescent bulbs (for a fee of 15¢ per foot) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
 - c) **Contact** an [Electronics Recycling / Disposal Company](#).

NOTE: Standard (incandescent) light bulbs may be safely disposed in the regular trash. To learn more about CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs), see [Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb FAQs](#).