



## 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.

### Paper Shopping Bags

*empty, dry brown paper bags*

1. **Reduce:**
  - a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are only buying a few items, or something that is easy to carry such as a 12-pack of soda.
  - b) Bring your own bag. Reusable bags are readily available for \$1 or less.
2. **Reuse:**
  - a) storage
  - b) carry items
  - c) wrap packages to mail
  - d) cover books
3. **Recycle in your yard:**
  - a) put bags in your compost bin (tear into small pieces first for best results)
  - b) use bags as a weed barrier (put down over weeds and cover with mulch)
4. **Recycle** at [curbside or drop-off](#) with “mixed paper” or “cardboard”.  
NOTE: It is handy to use paper bags to collect your recyclable paper, instead of a plastic bag, since the paper bag can be recycled along with its contents.
5. **Recycle** at local grocery stores. Look for recycling containers marked “paper bags” near the store entrance:
  - a) [Publix](#)
  - b) [Sweetbay](#)

Also see: [Plastic bags](#)