



# 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.

## Plastic Bags

*clean, empty, dry plastic bags used for groceries, dry cleaning, newspapers, etc.*

### 1. Reduce:

- a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are buying only 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 widely available for \$1 or less. Some stores offer credit for bringing your own bag (such as Target offers 5¢ per bag).

### 2. Reuse:

- a) Shopping - Reuse last week’s bags for this week’s groceries.
- b) Lunch box - Carry your lunch or a snack.
- c) Packing material - Use crumpled bags as a filler inside mailing boxes.
- d) Trash liner - Save money on small trash bags by reusing plastic grocery bags.
- e) Dog pickup - Use a newspaper sleeve or grocery bag to pick up after your dog.
- f) Click here for [additional reuse ideas](#).

### 3. Drop off plastic grocery bags for reuse at a:

- a) [library](#) (to bag patrons’ books)
- b) [thrift store](#) (to bag items that are sold)
- c) [food bank](#) (to bag donated items)
- d) [dog park](#) (for doggie bag stations)

NOTE: Call first, since some may not need bags.

### 4. Recycle plastic bags at local stores. Look for recycling containers marked “plastic bags” near the store entrance. Recycle any clean, dry plastic bag including:

- Grocery store bags
- Shopping bags
- Produce bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Dry cleaner bags
- Sealed air cushion bags used for packaging
- Plastic case wrap for non-food items such as paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, or water bottles

[ *No food-related plastic such as cling wrap, Ziploc bags, bread bags, or frozen food bags.* ]

Store Name	Locations
Albertson’s	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Ikea	1103 N. 22 <sup>nd</sup> St., Tampa
Lowe’s	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Publix	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Staples	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Sweetbay	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Target	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Walmart	<a href="#">list of locations</a>
Winn Dixie	<a href="#">list of locations</a>

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5. **Recycle** plastic bags with craft projects such as crocheting them into totes or braiding them into a dog leash:
  - a) [Craftzine](#)
  - b) [Green Living Tips](#)

Also see: [Paper bags](#)