



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.

Propane Tanks

empty metal tank that once held compressed propane gas



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

SMALL TANKS (up to 1 lb.) such as a camping stove tank:

1. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).

MEDIUM TANKS (2-20 lbs.) such as a gas grill or turkey fryer tank:

1. **Reuse** tank by refilling it. The tank must have an OPD (overfilling protection device) valve:
 - a) If the tank's hand wheel is triangular-shaped, it can be refilled;
 - b) If the tank's wheel is round or star-shaped, it cannot be refilled.
2. **Drop off** any 20 lb. propane tank at a Blue Rhino Propane Tank Exchange site for recycling or safe disposal:
 - a) There is no charge, and the tank can be any brand (not just Blue Rhino). You can also exchange the tank for a new one (for a fee).
 - b) Look for a Blue Rhino display (near the store entrance) at stores such as Wal-Mart, Lowe's, 7-Eleven, Sweetbay, Walgreens, Winn Dixie, and Kmart. For a complete list, call 800-258-7466, or visit [Blue Rhino](#).
3. **Drop off** any 20 lb. propane tank at Aaron Small Engine Repair, 7600 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park (541-4672). Free pick-up is available for 10 or more tanks.
4. *St. Petersburg residents:* The City of St. Petersburg will pick up propane tanks at no charge from residents who pay for City garbage service. The tank must be EMPTY with valve removed (limit 2). Call Sanitation Dept. first at 893-7398.
5. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles). Tank must be EMPTY with valve removed.

LARGE TANKS (over 20 lbs.) such as a commercial heating tank:

1. **Call** your propane distributor to request that it be removed. You can find their name on a tank decal or stamp. Some local distributors are:
 - a) Heritage Propane, 599-2130 (Heritage or TECO brand tanks)
 - b) Suburban Propane, 584-1127
 - c) Clearwater Gas, 562-4600
2. **Businesses** can contact a company to pick up an EMPTY tank (fee varies):
 - a) [JMP Solutions](#), Tampa (813) 875-8997
 - b) [Safety Kleen](#), Tampa (813) 626-1709



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3. **Sell** to a scrap metal dealer that accepts propane tanks. Call first to ask for specifications, but most dealers require that tanks be empty, cut in half, clean, and dry:

Name	Address	City	Phone
Ace Recycling (Tampa Bay Recycling)	525 - 22 nd St. S.	St. Petersburg	323-1246 or 321-4748
Anclote Metal Recycling	806 Anclote Rd.	Tarpon Springs	938-2822
Best Metal Recycling	15122 - 63 rd St. N.	Clearwater	536-6517 or 524-2550
Gulf Coast Surplus	12315 - 62 nd St. N., Unit D	Largo	512-0728
One Steel Recycling	2032 Gentry St.	Clearwater	447-6960
Scrap All (Trademark)	2801 - 4 th Ave.	Tampa	813-247-3619
Southern Recycling	6902 E. 6 th Ave.	Tampa	813-620-9033
Trademark Metal	9380 - 67 th St. N.	Pinellas Park	544-5810

4. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (\$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles). Tank must be EMPTY with a hole punched in it for inspection purposes.

NOTE: Propane tanks over 1 lb. are NOT accepted at Pinellas County [mobile collections](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#).

Also see: [Fuel tanks](#)