



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.

School Supplies

pencil, pen, crayons, paper, glue (water-based), index cards, highlighter, stapler, eraser, notebook, binder, backpack, lunch box, scissors, ruler, etc.

1. **Reduce** waste:
 - a) Wait to buy new items for school until your children get the first day supply list from their teacher.
 - b) Buy reusable supplies such as mechanical pencils that may be refilled or rechargeable batteries.
 - c) Buy recycled content supplies such as recycled paper or pens.
 - d) For more tips on cutting waste in school supplies, visit [EPA Back-to-School](#).

2. **Reuse** last year's school supplies when possible.
 - a) Many durable items (such as *scissors, stapler, pencil sharpener, or a ruler*) may be easily reused year after year.
 - b) For items such as a *backpack* or *lunch box*, make them "new" with fabric paint, iron-on patches, or permanent markers.
 - c) For *notebooks*, tear out the pages with writing on them. Use the flip side (or the unused pages in the notebook) for lists, phone messages, children's stories, drafts, or other activities that don't require "new" paper.

3. **Recycle**:
 - a) Recycle *empty glue sticks and bottles* with [Elmer's Glue Crew Recycling Program](#).
 - b) Recycle unwanted *crayons* with [Crazy Crayons Recycling Program](#).
 - c) Make recycled craft projects from leftover school supplies such as *envelopes* or *scrap paper* with [Trash Matcher](#).

4. **Donate** items to various organizations (contact them first to determine the items accepted and hours of operation):
 - a) your child's teacher (for classroom use) or your child's school
 - b) school: [public](#) or [private](#)
 - c) [thrift store/charity](#)
 - d) [recreation center](#)
 - e) [preschool or child care center](#)
 - f) [church or synagogue](#)
 - g) Use [Freecycle](#)—Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg), and list your donation item(s).
 - h) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)—Select "post" to list your donation item(s).

Also see: [Arts & crafts supplies](#) (for items such as fabric or felt)

[Clothing](#) (uniforms)

[Electronics](#) (for a calculator or computer)

[Sports equipment](#)