



Household Electronics & Chemicals

Below is information for proper recycling and disposal of electronics and chemicals at the HEC₃ facility. Businesses, including nonprofit and religious organizations, haulers, hobbyists, property managers and salvagers, should refer to page 19.

Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC₃)

If the items were used in their homes, Pinellas County residents can drop off unwanted household electronics and chemicals for free. Limits apply.



- **Pinellas County's Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC₃)** located at 2855 109th Ave. N. (off 28th St. N., just south of 118th Ave. N.) in St. Petersburg, 33716 (see map on page 3). Open Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on county-observed holidays.
- **Haz-to-Go events** (see page 17).
- **Mobile collection events** (see page 21).

Visit our Swap Shop!

The Swap Shop offers used household chemicals and paint FREE to residents and governmental entities. We screen all items brought to the HEC₃ for placement in our Swap Shop. Although inventory varies, the Swap Shop usually has the following items:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive fluid
- Household cleaners & disinfectants
- Fertilizer (*available Oct. 1 through May 31*)
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Lubricants
- Mineral spirits
- Paint & paint removers
- Stains & polyurethane
- Turpentine

Quantities may be limited.

Disposal Information

- Electronics collected are recycled for their parts.
- Chemicals collected are recycled, reused at the Swap Shop, reclaimed or blended for fuel. Lawn and garden chemicals are destroyed in a hazardous waste incinerator.

Quantity Limits Accepted (Per vehicle)

- 6 televisions (must be whole)
- 20 1-gallon paint containers
- 5 5-gallon paint containers (all empty containers may be put in garbage)
- 5 computers
- 12 fluorescent bulbs
- 5 5-gallon containers of fuel, gasoline or kerosene
- 1 5-gallon container of automotive fluids & oil

Customers with quantities in excess of the limits above or with electronics stripped of precious metals may be considered a business. Loads will be evaluated upon arrival. Visit the EnviroBusiness website at www.pinellascounty.org/bizwaste for more information.

Safely transporting chemicals and electronics

It is important to follow these transportation tips to safely deliver your items to the HEC₃, mobile collection events or Haz-To-Go events:

- Don't mix chemicals.
- Keep chemicals in their original containers.

- Put leaky containers in **clear** plastic bags.
- Put containers in open cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper to keep chemicals upright and separated.
- Put boxes in the trunk or in the back of the vehicle away from passengers.
- Cover rechargeable battery terminals with electrical tape to prevent short circuits, or place in individual plastic bags. Alkaline batteries should be disposed in the garbage.

Cooking Oil - Bring to the HEC₃, mobile collection events, Haz-to-Go events or to cooking oil drop-off sites identified on pages 8-11. Do **NOT** pour oil down the drain as it will clog pipes and lead to sewer backups. Small amount may be placed in the garbage.

Fluorescent (tubes and compact) light bulbs

Dispose of at one of the above-listed locations or dispose of at one of the large chain stores that accepts these bulbs (call first to confirm). Refer to the **A to Z Guide** at www.pinellascounty.org/recycle for more options.

Used Motor Oil - Pour into the original containers. Do NOT put oil in containers that used to contain paint, chemicals, solvents, bleach, drinks or food. Drop off at HEC₃ or local auto stores accepting used oil. Call stores first. Refer to the **A to Z Guide** at www.pinellascounty.org/recycle for more options.