



HOW DO I GET RID OF IT?

The A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County

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Computers

computer equipment including CPU, monitor, laptop, keyboard, printer, mouse, scanner, external drive, tape drive, battery backup (UPS or power supply)

Click here for [Ten Tips for Donating a Computer](#).



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

1. **Reduce** waste by repairing computer equipment, so you can keep it (see “Computer—Service & Repair” in the Yellow Pages). Consider buying a used computer instead of a new one (see “Computer—Used” in the Yellow Pages).
2. **Drop off** at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or the [HEC₃ facility](#) for recycling (free for residents).
3. *Dunedin residents or businesses:* The City of Dunedin offers **curbside pick-up** of electronic items for a recycling fee of \$17.11 per item (no charge for small computer accessories, such as a keyboard). Call 298-3215, ext. 21 so the item(s) may be collected promptly. Please mark the item(s) with your street address.
4. *Clearwater residents:* The City of Clearwater offers an [Electronics Collection Day](#) free **drop off** on the last Wednesday of each month from 7am-3pm for city residents (not businesses) at the recycling center at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. (562-4933). Bring up to six electronics and a utility bill for proof of residency.
5. **Donate** working computers to a needy nonprofit or school (which is responsible for pick-up) by contacting:
 - a) [National Cristina Foundation](#)
 - b) [Excess Access](#)
6. **Donate** working computers:
 - a) [Thrift store or charity](#) (call first since some do not accept computers)
 - b) Use [Freecycle](#). Sign up for a local group (Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, North Pinellas, Largo, or St. Petersburg).
 - c) Use [Craigslist Free Stuff](#)
 - d) Free newspaper ads—[St. Petersburg Times](#) (3 lines) or [Tampa Bay Newspapers](#) (15 words)
7. **Contact** a local computer dealer to see if they buy used computer equipment (or accept donations). They may accept trade-ins on new equipment.
8. **Drop off** at a [Staples store](#) customer service desk for recycling. There is no charge for Dell brand equipment. Non-Dell equipment is charged a recycling fee of \$10 per item (e.g., it would be \$20 to drop off a monitor and printer). There is no charge for recycling small computer accessories, such as a keyboard or mouse.

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9. **Drop off** at an [Office Depot store](#) customer service desk for recycling. The fee to purchase a [Tech Recycling Box](#) ranges from \$5-\$15 depending on which size box you need (sizes range from 8" to 24" high).
10. **Drop off** at a [Best Buy store](#) for recycling ([program info](#)). There is a fee of \$10 each for electronics with a screen, including computers and monitors, which is offset with a \$10 gift card. For desktop or laptop computers, the hard drive must be removed, or you can pay a fee of \$20 for the data to be erased.
11. **Drop off** at a [FedEx Office](#) (formerly Kinko's) customer service desk for free recycling. No monitors accepted.

Name	Address	City	Phone
FedEx Office	24120 US Hwy. 19 N.	Clearwater	726-5888
FedEx Office	2518 SR 580, Suite B	Clearwater	797-4167
FedEx Office	4008 Ulmerton Rd.	Clearwater	573-1638
FedEx Office	529 S. Ft. Harrison Ave.	Clearwater	447-9259
FedEx Office	5395 East Bay Dr., Suite 101	Clearwater	530-5837
FedEx Office	10581 Ulmerton Rd.	Largo	585-9010
FedEx Office	4013 Tampa Rd.	Oldsmar	813-855-0683
FedEx Office	6999 US Hwy. 19 N.	Pinellas Park	522-8963
FedEx Office	101 - 3 rd St. N.	St. Petersburg	821-1325
FedEx Office	2755 Tyrone Blvd. N.	St. Petersburg	381-3118
FedEx Office	4852 Park St. N.	St. Petersburg	545-3156
FedEx Office	5238 - 4 th St. N.	St. Petersburg	522-1595

12. **Drop off** at [eCycling](#), 7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 475, Largo, M-F 8am-5pm for free recycling (toll-free 866-771-9785), or businesses may call for free pickup.
13. **Trade in** or **donate** computer equipment through the mail. It's free with postage-paid shipping. Payment is based on value (and may be zero):
 - a) [Best Buy / EZTradeIn](#) (PayPal cash, check, or Best Buy gift card) - *desktop, monitor, laptop*
 - b) [Radio Shack](#) (Radio Shack gift card) - *monitor, laptop*
 - c) [ReThink](#) (PayPal cash) - *desktop, monitor, laptop*
 - d) [Gazelle](#) (PayPal cash, check, or Amazon.com gift card) - *laptop*
 - e) [Sam's Club / ecoNew](#) (Sam's Club gift card) - *desktop, monitor, laptop*
 - f) [MyBoneYard](#) (prepaid Visa card) - *desktop, monitor, laptop*
 - g) [Collective Good](#) (donate to charity) - *desktop, monitor, laptop, printer*

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14. Contact a computer company to **trade, sell,** or **recycle** your equipment:

Company	Program	Phone
Apple	Free recycling of any brand computer or monitor when you buy an Apple computer. If you're not buying a new Apple, you can recycle an old Apple for \$30 per 60 lbs. with Metech (888-638-2761)	800-692-7753
Dell	Free recycling of any Dell brand computer equipment at any time by dropping off at a Staples store (see #7 above) or requesting a prepaid-shipping label from their Web site. Free recycling on non-Dell brand computers when you buy a new Dell.	800-915-3355
Gateway	Trade-in or recycling options for Gateway or non-Gateway brands.	800-428-3929
HP	Trade in options for Hewlett-Packard or non-HP equipment, or recycling options (fees range from \$13-\$34, including shipping).	800-752-0900
IBM	Buyback or recycling for IBM or non-IBM equipment.	888-746-7426
Lenovo	Trade-in for Lenovo, IBM, and some other brands.	888-584-4656
Sony	Trade-in for Sony or non-Sony brands.	800-978-0277
Toshiba	Trade-in or recycling options for Toshiba or non-Toshiba equipment.	888-255-7816

15. **Business** options:

- See options listed above.
- Drop off** computer equipment ([fees](#) range from zero to 5¢ per pound) at a Pinellas County [mobile collection](#) or an [EnviroBusiness Day](#) event at the HEC₃ facility.
- Contact** an [Electronics Recycling / Disposal Company](#).

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