



## 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.

## Medical Waste

*Any solid or liquid waste that may present a threat of infection to humans including tissue, body parts, blood and blood products, body fluids, and discarded “[sharps](#)”. Materials saturated with blood, body fluids, or other excretions (urine, saliva) that are visibly contaminated with blood are also considered biomedical waste unless they have been properly treated.*



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

1. **Treated** medical (including biological or infectious) waste may be disposed at [Solid Waste Operations](#):
  - a) Must have appointment (call 464-7500).
  - b) Must submit required documentation from permitted biomedical waste treatment facilities.
2. **Untreated** medical (including biological or infectious) waste of any kind is **NOT** accepted at [Solid Waste Operations](#), [mobile collections](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#).
  - a) Call a Florida Dept. of Health registered [biomedical waste transporter](#).
  - b) Technical assistance is available through the Pinellas County Health Dept. (Bill Bongiovanni, Biomedical Waste Coordinator, 507-4336, ext. 1337).
3. **Blood or trauma scene cleanup**. Click here for Florida Dept. of Health [home cleanup procedures](#), or [trauma cleanup provider list](#).

**NOTE:** Medical waste of any kind is **NOT** accepted at [mobile collections](#) or the [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#).  
[Solid Waste Operations](#) accepts ONLY treated medical waste.

Also see: [Medications/Pharmaceutical Waste](#)  
[Radioactive Waste](#)  
[Syringes](#)