



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.

Plastic Bags

clean, empty, dry plastic bags used for groceries, dry cleaning, newspapers, etc.

1. Reduce:

- a) Say “no thanks” to a bag if you are buying only a few items, or something that is easy to carry such as a 12-pack of soda.
- b) Bring your own bag. Reusable bags are widely available for \$1 or less.

2. Reuse:

- a) Shopping - Reuse last week’s bags for this week’s groceries.
- b) Lunch box - Carry your lunch or a snack.
- c) Packing material - Use crumpled bags as a filler inside mailing boxes.
- d) Trash liner - Save money on small trash bags by reusing plastic grocery bags.
- e) Dog picker-upper - Use a newspaper sleeve to pick up after your dog.
- f) Click here for [additional reuse ideas](#).

3. Drop off plastic grocery bags for reuse at a:

- a) [library](#) for bagging patrons’ books
- b) [thrift store](#) for bagging items that are sold
- c) [food bank](#) for bagging donated items

NOTE: Call first since some may not need bags.

4. Recycle plastic bags at local stores, Look for recycling containers marked “plastic bags” near the store entrance. *You can recycle clean, dry plastic bags including:*

- a) Grocery store bags
- b) Clear produce bags
- c) Shopping bags
- d) Newspaper sleeves
- e) Dry cleaner bags

Store Name	Which Store
Albertson’s	Both stores in Pinellas County (locations)
Ikea	1103 N. 22 nd St., Tampa
Publix	All stores in Pinellas County (locations)
Staples	All stores in Pinellas County (locations)
Sweetbay	All stores in Pinellas County (locations)
Wal-Mart	Supercenters only: - 8001 US Hwy. 19 N., Pinellas Park - 3501 34 th St. S., St. Petersburg - 3801 Tampa Rd., Oldsmar
Winn Dixie	All stores in Pinellas County (locations)

Also see: [Paper bags](#)