

Why should my business cut waste?

Cutting your business waste has both economic and environmental benefits:

- Save money by reducing waste disposal costs
- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability
- Promote environmental awareness at the workplace
- Improve employee morale

What items should my business recycle?

Businesses are re-examining what they have traditionally “trashed”. **Many Pinellas County businesses recycle paper, cardboard, plastic, and metal.** These materials often constitute the largest portion of a business’s trash. Recycling these items instead of trashing them can help to lower disposal costs. Both employees and customers appreciate companies’ recycling efforts.

What about hazardous waste?

Pinellas County offers two options to local businesses for disposing of hazardous waste safely and inexpensively: [EnviroBusiness Days](#) and [mobile collections](#). In either case, businesses pay the county’s reduced rate for disposal. Businesses can consult the online [A to Z Guide](#) for additional contractors (see page 18).

What are EnviroBusiness Days?

[EnviroBusiness Days](#)—hazardous waste collection events for businesses—are held **every month on the second Wednesday** at the [Household Electronics & Chemical Collection Center \(HEC₃\)](#), 2990 110th Ave. N., St. Petersburg:

2009 EnviroBusiness Days

2nd Wednesdays 9am-4pm

Jan. 14	Jul. 8
Feb. 11	Aug. 12
Mar. 11	Sep. 9
Apr. 8	Oct. 14
May 13	Nov. 11
Jun. 10	Dec. 9

How do businesses participate in mobile collections?

Businesses can also transport hazardous waste to a local mobile collection event (see [schedule on page 19](#)). **Businesses need to first contact the contractors directly** to ensure they are prepared to handle their material, and to confirm an acceptable payment method. The county’s chemical waste contractor is EQ Florida at (813) 319-3400. The electronic waste contractor is Creative Recycling at (813) 621-2319.

Business Waste Reduction



Cutting waste helps the environment—and your bottom line!

Why not accept business waste at HEC₃ daily?

We are not licensed to do so. **A licensed hazardous waste contractor must be on-site** to handle business hazardous waste.

What about online help?

Online resources such as the [A to Z Guide for Recycling & Disposal](#) (see page 18), [Eight Steps to Cutting Waste at Work](#), and many more are available at: pinellascounty.org/cutwaste.

Cutting Waste at Work Program

How can Pinellas County help my business cut waste?

Pinellas County Utilities’ [“Cutting Waste at Work” program](#) is a free service provided to help businesses evaluate their current waste management practices and possible alternatives that can reduce waste. Call or e-mail us to schedule a free waste assessment (see contact info below).

Is the program for businesses only?

No. Our program is also available to schools and other institutions.

What services are provided?

Free services include:

- Waste assessment and customized recommendations
- On-site training and follow-up
- Informative presentations
- Educational and promotional materials
- Recognition for your efforts (see certificate above)



Lockheed Martin increased their recycling rate from 19% to over 50%!