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RECYCLE GUIDE

EVERYTHING CLEAN AND DRY

- no caps • no lids • no straws • no food
- no shredded paper • no plastic bags

PLASTIC



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METAL



FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS

CARTONS

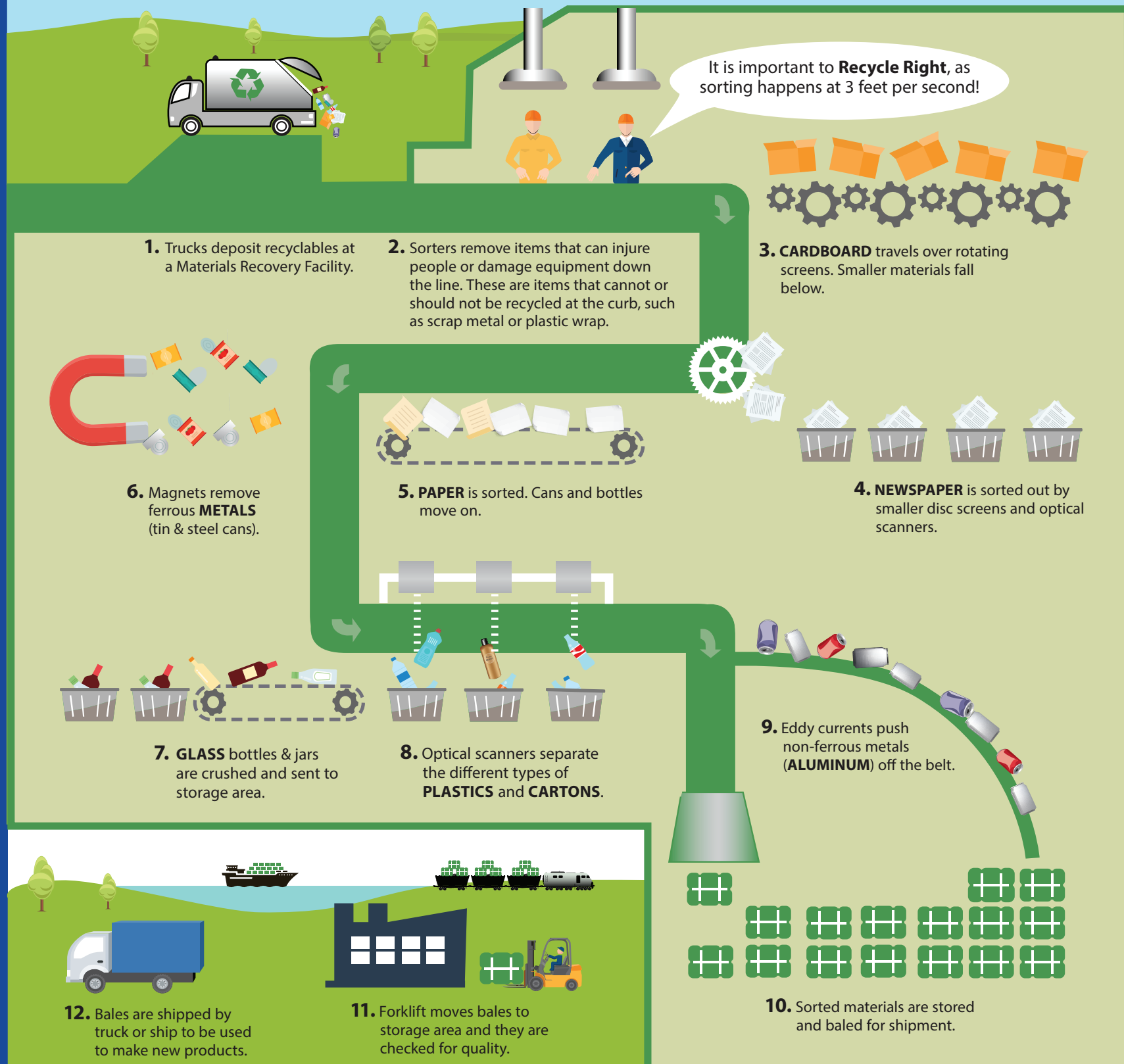


PAPER &



CARDBOARD

Learn how your recyclables are sorted at a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)



IMPORTANT: Plastic bags and plastic film can wrap around sorting equipment and jam the machines. They are particularly harmful to the recycling process. Locate the closest drop-offs for plastic bags by using the Where Does it Go? Search Tool shown on page 5.

What does **NOT** belong in my recycle bin?

When in doubt, leave it out.



**PLASTIC BAGS
OR BAGGED
RECYCLING**



CLOTHING



**YARD
WASTE**



**FOAM
PACKAGING
PRODUCTS**



**TISSUES, PAPER
TOWELS OR NAPKINS**



**WIRES, CORDS
OR HOSES**



**FOOD WASTE OR
FOOD RESIDUE**



GOING BEYOND THE TEXT

Trash the Tanglers

According to TampaBayRecycles.org, “Items such as plastic bags, cords, wires, tarps and hoses jam and damage sorting equipment used for recycling processing. Not only can this damage the equipment, but workers must manually remove them, a difficult, dirty, and potentially dangerous task” (pictured to the left).

Look at the different items shown in the advertisements of the *Tampa Bay Times*. Using the information on the pages of this publication as a guide, classify the items you find in the newspapers as recyclable or not recyclable. Create a poster showing what can and cannot be recycled. Next, create a full-page advertisement advising people what to recycle and what not to recycle. Share what you have learned with your family and class.

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City/Town

Bin Request

Belleair · 727-588-3769 ext. 406 · townofbelleair.com

City · 727-588-3769 ext. 401

Belleair Beach · 727-595-4646 ext. 120 · cityofbelleairbeach.com

Hauler · 727-572-8779

Belleair Bluffs · 727-584-2151 · belleairbluffs.org

Hauler · 727-572-8779

Belleair Shore · 727-593-9296 · belleairshore.com

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Clearwater · 727-562-4920 · myclearwater.com/recycling

City · 727-562-4920

Dunedin · 727-298-3215 ext. 1324 · dunedingov.com

City · 727-298-3215

Gulfport · 727-893-1089 · mygulfport.us*

City · 727-893-1089

Indian Rocks Beach · 727-595-6889 · indian-rocks-beach.com

City · 727-595-6889

Indian Shores · 727-595-4020 · myindiashores.com

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Kenneth City · 727-498-8948 · kennethcityfl.org

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Largo · 727-587-6760 · largorecycles.com

City · 727-587-6760

Madeira Beach · 727-543-8154 · madeirabeachfl.gov

City · 727-543-8154

North Redington Beach · 727-391-4848 · townofnrb.com**

Hauler · 727-452-5278

Oldsmar · 813-749-1135 · myoldsmar.com

Hauler · 727-561-0360

Pinellas Park · 727-369-0690 · pinellas-park.com

City · 727-369-0690

Redington Beach · 727-391-3875 · townofredingtonbeach.com

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Redington Shores · 727-397-5538 · townofredingtonshores.com

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Safety Harbor · 727-724-1550 ext. 2002 · cityofsafetyharbor.com

City · 727-724-1550 ext. 2002

Seminole · 727-397-6383 ext. 3 · myseminole.com

Hauler · 727-452-5278

South Pasadena · 727-384-0701 · mysouthpasadena.com

Hauler · 727-572-6800

St. Petersburg · 727-893-7838 · stpete.org/recycle

City · 727-893-7838

St. Pete Beach · 727-363-9243 · stpetebeach.org

Hauler · 727-572-6800

Tarpon Springs · 727-943-4837 · ctsfl.us

City · 727-943-4837

Treasure Island · 727-547-4575 ext. 250 · mytreasureisland.org

City · 727-547-4575 ext. 250

* Recyclables are collected in two separate bins. Glass is not accepted curbside. ** Call for information about “back door” recycling collection assistance.

Don't live in one of the cities/towns above?

Residents who live in unincorporated areas can contract directly with a hauler listed below to request curbside recycling service. To find out if you live in an unincorporated area, visit pinellascounty.org/resident/unincorporated_areas.htm.

County Sanitation

727-522-5794
countysanitationservice.com

Solar Sanitation

727-535-0447
solarsanitationinc.com

Tote Enterprises Inc.

P.O. Box 10033
Largo, FL 33773
(727) 422-0736

Waste Management

727-572-8779
wm.com

D & D Hauling

727-586-6416
dndhauling.com

Superior Trash Service

727-254-0664
superiortrashservice.com

Waste Connections

727-572-6800
local.progressivewaste.com/Pinellas

Waste Pro

727-452-5278
wasteprousa.com/
office/clearwater

Orion Waste Solutions

d/b/a Russo & Sons LLC
727-561-0360
orionwaste.com



Where Does it Go? Search Tool



Not sure what to do with it?

Take the guesswork out with Pinellas County's Where Does it Go? Search Tool, which offers guidance and local resources for reuse, recycling, and disposal. Where Does it Go? is a searchable database that connects you to the right donation centers, recycling facilities, online takeback programs, and more.



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Protecting Pinellas

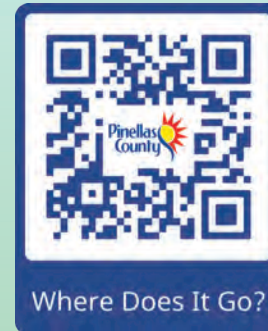
One important way to protect our community is by not littering. Littering may seem like a quick way to get rid of something, but garbage that is thrown on the ground, into the waterways or into the waste stream doesn't really go away. It becomes unsightly and creates big problems for animals and people. Litter cleanup is costly and time consuming, and it can do widespread damage to the environment.

Research this information on the Keep Pinellas Beautiful website, kpbcares.org. Write a paragraph describing what your school grounds would look like if all the drivers passing by littered at the school. On a separate sheet of paper, list at least 10 items you think they might throw away. Based on the paragraph that you wrote, create an advertisement persuading people not to pollute or litter. Cut out words, headlines and pictures from the *Tampa Bay Times* for your ad. Make a full-page ad for the Times.

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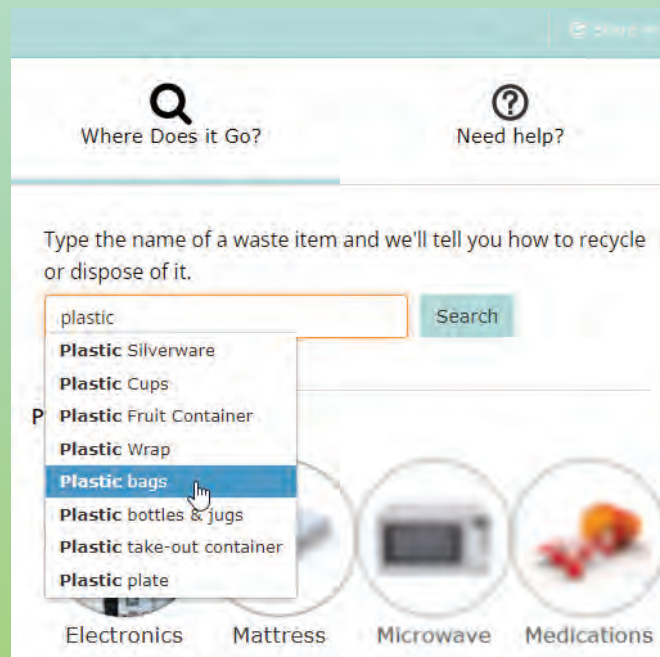
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Scan this QR code or visit pinellascounty.org/wheredoesitgo



2

Select "For Homes" or "For Businesses"



3

Type the item in the search field

4

Review search results

RECYCLING DROP-OFF

BELLEAIR

16 John J. Osborne Public Works Building • 1075 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

DUNEDIN

8 Highlander Park Recycling Site • Ed Eckert Dr., across from Highlander Pool

9 Lake Haven Recycling Center • 817 Lake Haven Road

CLEARWATER

14 Clearwater Solid Waste Facility • 1701 N Hercules Ave.

12 Pinellas County Government Center • 29582 U.S. 19 N, west side, south of Curlew Road

15 Sand Key Park • 1060 Gulf Blvd.

13 Walmart • 23106 U.S. 19 N, southeast corner of parking lot

GULFPORT

41 49th Street Neighborhood Center • 1617 49th St. S

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

17 Brown Park • Bay Blvd. and Second St.

19 Indian Rocks Beach Nature Preserve • 903 Gulf Blvd.

20 Indian Rocks Historical Museum • 203 Fourth Ave.

18 Kolb Park • 1507 Bay Palm Blvd.

INDIAN SHORES

26 Indian Shores Town Hall • 19305 Gulf Blvd.

LARGO

25 Bank of America • 10900 Seminole Blvd.

21 Hamlin Boulevard 4-H • 14644 113th Ave. N

22 Pinellas County Extension • 12520 Ulmerton Road, north of Ulmerton Road, entrance on 125th St. N Frontage Road

23 Starkey Road Recycling Center • 1551 Starkey Road, north of Ulmerton Road, south of East Bay Dr.

24 Tri-City Plaza • U.S. 19 N and East Bay Dr., behind Ross store

PALM HARBOR

7 Curlew Retention Pond • 1740 Curlew Road, between Belcher Road and CR 1

6 John Chesnut Sr. Park • 2200 East Lake Road

5 William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility • 4111 Dunn Dr., Off Alt U.S. 19 N

REDINGTON SHORES

27 Redington Shores Town Hall • 17425 Gulf Blvd.

SAFETY HARBOR

10 Safety Harbor Fire Station 53 • 3095 McMullen-Booth Road

11 Safety Harbor Public Works • 1200 Railroad Ave.

SEMINOLE

28 Lake Seminole Park • 10015 Park Blvd., east of Seminole Blvd.



GOING BEYOND THE TEXT

Improve your recycling knowledge

As Recycle Across America notes, “Every day, the public throws millions of tons of garbage (food waste, diapers, plastic bags, wrappers, Styrofoam™, coffee cups, plastic straws, garden hoses, etc.) into recycling bins. That ‘garbage’ contaminates the good recyclables, hence the term ‘contamination.’”

Think about the following questions:

- What is recycling?
- What is the science behind recycling?
- What items can be recycled in Pinellas County?

- What items cannot be recycled and why?
- Why do people put nonrecyclable items into recycle bins?
- What are the problems of contaminating recycle bins with inappropriate items?

Working in small groups, brainstorm the questions. Create a chart listing what you know, what you need to know and what you hope to learn. Write down all your ideas before you begin the research. Research this topic on the Keep Pinellas Beautiful website, kpbcare.org and the *Tampa Bay Times*. Using the information you researched and discussed with your group, create a plan to improve people’s knowledge about recycling and the way they recycle in Pinellas County.

Write out your plan as an outline and create a graphic organizer, cartoon, infographic or 3-D representation to share with your class

and family. In your plan, include how you will not only increase clean recycling, but also decrease contamination in recycling bins. Create an advertising campaign to go along with your plan. Look in the *Tampa Bay Times* for effective advertisements, images and slogans. Use the ideas and images from this publication and the Pinellas County Recycling website for ideas. Brand your campaign for Pinellas County residents.

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Drop-Off Centers

ST. PETERSBURG

City of St. Petersburg Recycling/Brush Sites

- 30** • 1000 62nd Ave. NE
- 36** • 7750 26th Ave. N
- 33** • 2453 20th Ave. N
- 38** • 2500 26th Ave. S
- 39** • 4015 Dr. MLK Jr. St. S
- 34** Clearview United Methodist Church • 4515 38th Ave. N
- 31** Crescent Lake Park • 1320 Fifth St. N
- 37** ~~Enoch Davis Recreation Center • 4111 18th Ave. S~~
- 40** ~~Lakewood Youth Association • 4801 31st St. S~~
- 35** ~~Northwest Park • 2331 60th Ave. N~~
- 29** Pinellas County Solid Waste • 2855 109th Ave. N, next to HEC₃
- 32** St. Petersburg Municipal Marina • 300 Second Ave. SE

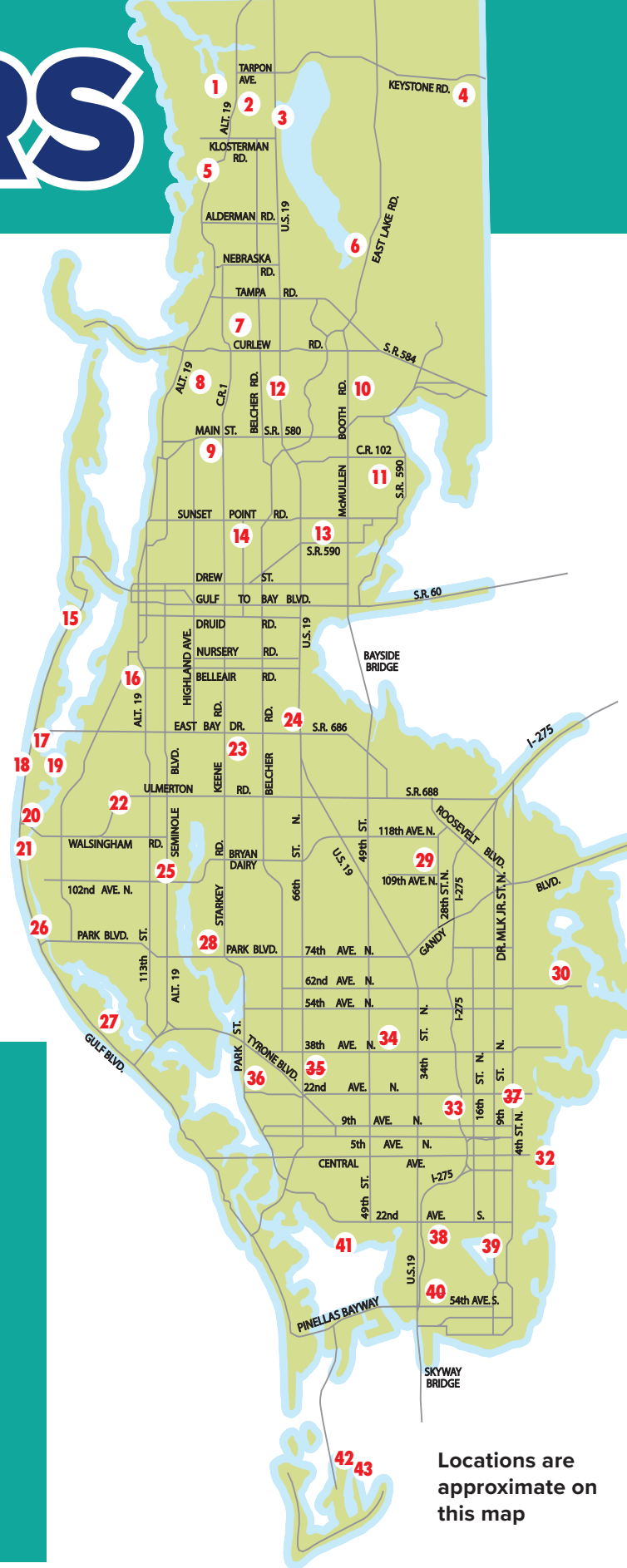
TARPON SPRINGS

- 3** A.L. Anderson Park • 39699 U.S. 19 N, between Klosterman Road and Tarpon Ave.
- 4** Brooker Creek Education Center • 3940 Keystone Road
- 1** Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue Station 70 • 1023 Gulf Road
- 2** Tarpon Springs Yard Waste Facility • 898 S Levis Ave.

TIERRA VERDE

- 42** Fort De Soto Park boat ramp overflow parking area - 3600 Pinellas Bayway S
- 43** Fort De Soto Park campground - 3500 Pinellas Bayway S

Scan this QR code for an interactive online map of the Recycling Drop-Off Centers.



Locations are approximate on this map

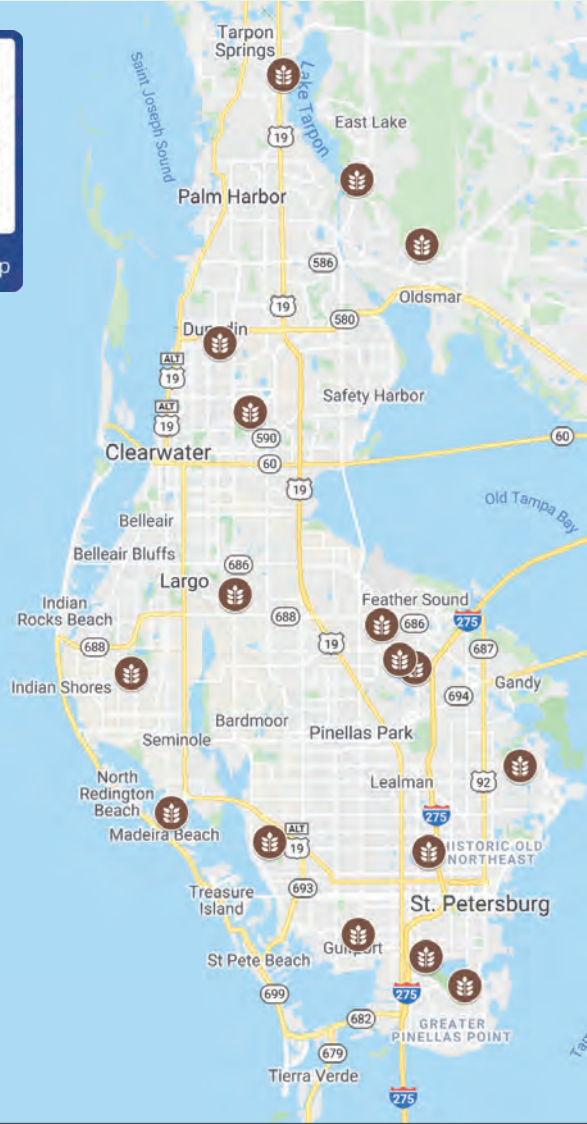
We've got you covered!

Mulch helps retain soil moisture, protects plants, and inhibits weed growth. It gives your landscape a neat, uniform appearance and is a great Florida-Friendly choice for hard-to-mow areas and shady spots.

To learn more about the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program through the UF/IFAS Extension: <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/>



Mulch Pick-Up Map



FREE MULCH PICK-UP LOCATIONS

Instead of buying mulch, get it for free! Free mulch is available to Pinellas County residents at the sites below — just bring a pitchfork or shovel and take as much as you need. For pickup truck or trailer loads, be sure to come prepared with a tarp or vehicle cover to keep your mulch load secured, as required by law.

A.L. Anderson Park
39699 U.S. 19 N, Tarpon Springs
727-464-7500

Bicentennial Park
East of 565 Tom Stuart Causeway
Madeira Beach
727-543-8154

John Chesnut Sr. Park
2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor
727-464-7500

St. Petersburg Recycling/Brush Sites

- 1000 62nd Ave. N, St. Petersburg
- 7500 26th Ave. N, St. Petersburg
- 2453 20th Ave. N, St. Petersburg
- 2500 26th Ave. S, St. Petersburg
- 4015 Dr. MLK Jr. St. S, St. Petersburg

727-893-7398

Clearwater Solid Waste Facility
1701 N Hercules Ave., Clearwater
727-562-4920

Cypress Forest Recreation Center
200 feet north of 650 Pine Ave. N, Oldsmar
813-749-1135

Gulfport Neighborhood Center
1617 49th St. S, Gulfport
727-893-1089

Lake Haven Recycling Center
810 Lake Haven Road, Dunedin
727-298-3215

Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste
3095 114th Ave. N, St. Petersburg
727-464-7500

Pinellas County Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center (HEC₃)
2855 109th Ave. N, St. Petersburg
727-464-7500

Starkey Road Drop-Off Recycling Center
1551 Starkey Road, Largo
727-587-6760

Walsingham Park
12615 102nd Ave. N, Largo
727-464-7500

Waste Management Brush Site
12950 40th St. N, Pinellas Park
727-369-0690



GOING BEYOND THE TEXT Measuring your carbon footprint

According to the World Health Organization, a carbon footprint is a measure of the impact your activities have on the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced through the burning of fossil fuels and is expressed as a weight of CO₂ emissions produced in tons. In other words, a carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases, which include carbon dioxide and methane, that are generated by our actions. You can calculate your carbon footprint using the United States Environmental Protection website, epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator. You can compare your footprint to your classmates'. Look for articles about

the environment and carbon footprint in the archives of the *Tampa Bay Times*. Write a blog post using the information. Include tips about how Pinellas County residents can reduce their total footprint.

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HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICALS

What to bring



Automotive Products

- Oils and Antifreeze (Limit: 5 gallons)
- Gasoline and Diesel (Limit: 5 five-gallon DOT containers. No tanks)

Rechargeable batteries

- Including lithium-ion, mercury, nickel cadmium, and lithium



Electronics

- Cell phones • Computers • Monitors
- Items with rechargeable batteries that cannot be removed
- TVs (must be whole) (Limit: 6 TVs, 5 computers)

Household Chemicals

- Adhesives/epoxies
- Aerosols • Cleaners

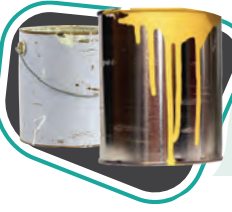


Lawn & Garden Chemicals

- Pesticides/herbicides
- Fertilizers • Sprayers

Mercury-containing Devices

- Thermometers • Thermostats
- Fluorescent bulbs (Limit: 12)



Paint Products

- Paints/stains • Solvents
- (Limit: 20 one-gallon, 5 five-gallon)

Pool & Spa Products

- Chlorine • Muriatic acid
- Cleaners/clarifiers



Signal Flares

- Marine • Road

Pinellas County offers free options for residents to dispose of unwanted household electronics and chemicals:

HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER (HEC₃)

Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
2855 109th Ave. N., St. Petersburg
pinellascounty.org/hec3



MOBILE COLLECTION EVENTS

Select Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/mobileoptions
or scan this QR code for the Mobile Collection Events calendar.

What NOT to bring



Appliances

Vehicle (lead-acid) Batteries



Fire Extinguishers

Electronics such as stereos, DVD players and printers



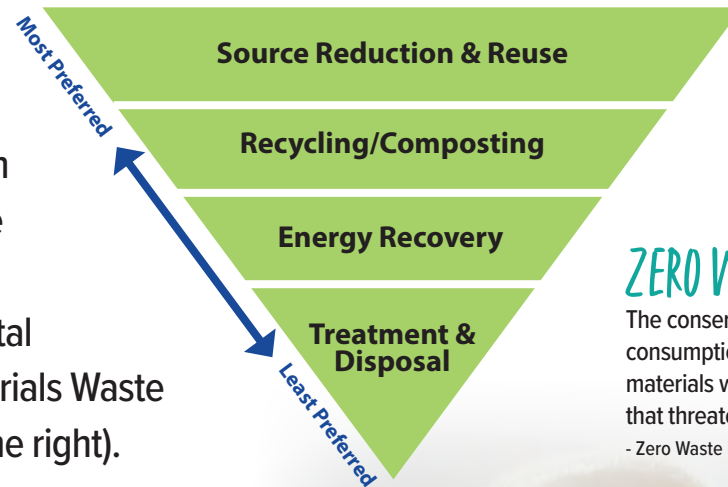
Medicine & Sharps

Propane Tanks (over 1 lb.)
or other compressed gases



Sustainable Materials Management

Pinellas County operates an integrated solid waste management system that promotes waste reduction and environmentally preferable waste management practices. The county follows the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Materials Waste Management Hierarchy (pictured to the right).



SUSTAINABILITY:

A method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.

- Merriam-Webster Dictionary

ZERO WASTE:

The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse and recovery of products, packaging and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water or air that threaten the environment or human health.

- Zero Waste International Alliance

6 tips to reduce waste and live sustainably:

- 1 Use a reusable water bottle instead of single-use plastic bottles.
- 2 Travel with a “zero waste kit” with reusable cutlery, napkins and containers.
- 3 Replace cotton balls and makeup wipes with washable cotton pads.
- 4 Use reusable shopping bags instead of single-use plastic bags.
- 5 When buying produce, bring your own reusable mesh bags.
- 6 Take the Reduce Your Use (RYU) Tampa Bay pledge at reduceyourusetampabay.org or by scanning this QR code.



GOING BEYOND THE TEXT

Teamwork

Protecting our environment takes teamwork. By understanding how the actions of humans affect and influence the environment, we can make better choices for our communities. Look for articles in the *Tampa Bay Times* that show examples of people, groups or organizations that are working to protect the fragile environment in Pinellas County. Make a list of those involved and the actions they are taking. Select one of the environmental groups or issues you have read about and do some research about it. Then think about what actions you can take to protect the environment. Share your ideas with others by writing a short essay that incorporates the information you have learned.

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Take the RYU Pledge!

In Pinellas County, garbage is used to make electricity!



1 Garbage in Pinellas County is taken to the Solid Waste Disposal Complex, where 80 to 90 percent of it is burned as fuel in the County's Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility. The WTE facility produces enough electricity to power 45,000 homes each day. The gas produced is cleaned by state-of-the-art pollution control systems.

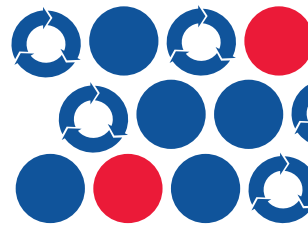


2 Magnets are used to recover ferrous metals, such as iron and steel, from the ash. Electrical currents called eddy currents are used to recover nonferrous metals such as aluminum and copper. These metals are then sold for recycling.



3 The leftover ash, which takes up 90 percent less space than the original garbage, is landfilled for disposal.

Recycling is key to reach our goal of zero waste to landfill by 2050.



Pinellas County is home to nearly one million permanent residents and sees over 14 million visitors annually. As the population increases, so does waste and it doesn't just go 'away.'

All garbage is taken to the Pinellas County Solid Waste Disposal Complex, where it is managed using a state-of-the-art Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility and the Bridgeway Acres Landfill. The resulting ash from WTE is landfilled. Ash takes up 90% less space in the landfill than the garbage would have. Our WTE facility is fast approaching its operating capacity, meaning that more garbage will have to be landfilled without the added benefit of volume reduction. Currently, the landfill is expected to last another 80 years. If we were to stop recycling, the landfill would only have 60 years left.

The Department of Solid Waste has a 30-year Solid Waste Master Plan

with a goal of zero waste to landfill by 2050. In the planning process, it was identified that about one third of the garbage received at the Solid Waste Disposal Complex could have been recycled! By recycling right and reducing waste, we will conserve natural resources and energy while extending the life of the one and only landfill in Pinellas County.



The Solid Waste Master Plan can be found online at pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/masterplan or by scanning this QR code.

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- no shredded paper • no plastic bags



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