

# 2025 RECYCLE GUIDE



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# HOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT!

Place only  
these items in your  
recycling bin.  
Everything clean  
and dry.  
No plastic bags.  
No bagged  
recycling.



Flattened cardboard,  
clean paper, junk mail,  
paperboard, cartons



Empty plastic  
bottles, jugs  
(no caps)



Empty metal  
cans  
(no lids)



Empty glass  
bottles, jars  
(no lids)

When in doubt, leave it out!

Use the Where Does It Go? Search Tool to find out what to do with  
other items. Scan the QR code or visit [Pinellas.gov/where](https://www.pinellas.gov/where).



Where Does It Go?  
Search Tool

# Pinellas County Solid Waste's Year in Review

## What happened in 2024?

Pinellas County Solid Waste (SW) conducts surveys to understand the composition and amount of garbage and recycling generated in the county. The findings are used to help the County make informed decisions and achieve our vision of zero waste to landfill by 2050.

View reports online at [Pinellas.gov/SWeducation](https://pinellas.gov/SWeducation).

### 70% overall recycling rate

SW submitted the 2023 annual report to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, including how much material was landfilled, processed at the Waste-to-Energy facility and recycled. The data showed that we:

- Landfilled 1,192,214,000 pounds of garbage.
- Processed 1,664,528,000 pounds of garbage at the Waste-to-Energy facility.
- Recycled 2,282,304,000 pounds of material, including construction and demolition debris. That amount of recyclable materials weighs about 40 times more than the Statue of Liberty!



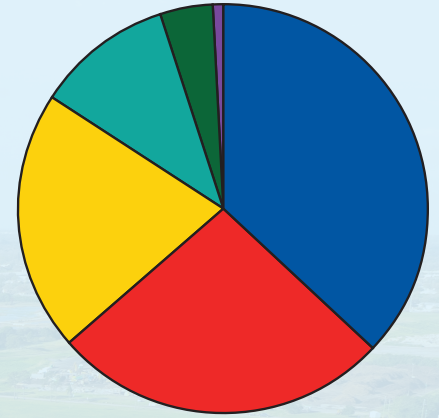
### 83% of residents recycle

SW surveyed Pinellas County residents about their recycling habits, what motivates them to recycle and what types of items they recycle. Check out pages 6-7 to locate a recycling drop-off center if you don't have access to recycling at your home.

### 21.7% contamination rate

A recyclable materials composition study was conducted to identify the types and amounts of materials in recycling bins in the County. When someone puts non-recyclable material in the recycling bin, we call that contamination. Our 2024 study found that almost one out of every five pounds of what residents put in recycling bins wasn't recyclable! Contamination can cause harm to workers and equipment at the recycling facility. But you, as a resident, have the power to reduce this. When in doubt, it's best to leave it out.

## What's in Pinellas County recycling bins?



- 42.5% cardboard and paper
- 23.2% non-recyclables
- 18.8% glass containers
- 10.5% plastic containers
- 4.4% metal cans
- 0.6% cartons

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## Recycling 101

Recycling helps reduce landfill waste. The 2021-22 Waste Composition Study found that 17.6% of waste in Pinellas County could have been recycled through curbside or drop-off programs. According to the 2024 Recycling Awareness Report, 96% of single-family and 95% of multifamily households participate in recycling when available. However, some residents still put non-recyclable items in their bins, contaminating the whole batch.

Review the report at [Pinellas.gov/2024-municipal-and-county-recyclable-materials-composition-study/](https://pinellas.gov/2024-municipal-and-county-recyclable-materials-composition-study/) and identify the top six contaminants from the chart on page 11. With your class, brainstorm ways to reduce these contaminants in recycling bins. Then, write a persuasive column for the Tampa Bay Times encouraging residents to recycle correctly.

**Florida Standards:** MA.7.DP.1.4; MA.3.DP.1.2; MA.912.AR.2.4; MA.912.AR.3.7; MA.912.DP.5.11; SC.512.N.1.1; ELA.412.EE.1.1; ELA.412.EE.2.1; ELA.412.EE.3.1; ELA.412.EE.4.1; ELA.412.EE.5.1; ELA.412.EE.6.1; ELA.412.C.1.3; ELA.412.C.1.4; ELA.412.C.1.5; ELA.412.C.3.1; ELA.412.C.4.1; ELA.412.C.5.1; ELA.412.R.2.2





# What should you do with these materials?

Don't put these items in your recycling bin!

See instructions on what to do with them.



## PLASTIC BAGS OR BAGGED RECYCLING

- Reduce use of plastic bags by swapping for reusable bags
- Reuse plastic bags
- Place them in your garbage bin



## CLOTHING

- Donate unwanted clothing
- Turn old clothing into rags



## YARD WASTE

- Take yard waste to a yard waste processing facility to be turned into mulch



## FOAM PACKAGING PRODUCTS

- Save and reuse for future packing needs
- Place in your garbage bin



## WIRES, CORDS OR HOSES

- Donate usable wires, cords or hoses
- Take metals to a scrap metal recycler

## FOOD WASTE OR FOOD RESIDUE

- Compost food waste at home
- Place food waste in your garbage bin



## SMALL PLASTIC ITEMS AND OTHER PLASTIC PRODUCTS

- Reduce use of plastic products by swapping for reusable items
- Place small plastic items and other plastic products in your garbage bin
- Bring a reusable container for leftovers when eating out



## RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

- Take to a battery drop-off center near you

VISIT [PINELLAS.GOV/WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT TO DO WITH OTHER ITEMS](http://PINELLAS.GOV/WHERE TO FIND OUT WHAT TO DO WITH OTHER ITEMS).



# QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR COLLECTION SERVICE?

**Garbage and recycling collection services are managed by cities and towns (incorporated areas) and County-licensed private haulers in unincorporated areas. In unincorporated areas, residents sign up for garbage and recycling collection services directly through private haulers.**



## City/Town

- Belleair** – (727) 588-3769 ext. 406 – [townofbelleair.com](http://townofbelleair.com)
- Belleair Beach** – (727) 572-8779 – [cityofbelleairbeach.com](http://cityofbelleairbeach.com)
- Belleair Bluffs** – (727) 572-8779 – [belleairbluffs.org](http://belleairbluffs.org)
- Belleair Shore** – (727) 593-9296 – [belleairshore.com](http://belleairshore.com)
- Clearwater** – (727) 562-4920 – [myclearwater.com/recycling](http://myclearwater.com/recycling)
- Dunedin** – (727) 298-3215 – [dunedingov.com](http://dunedingov.com)
- Gulfport** – (727) 893-1089 – [mygulfport.us](http://mygulfport.us)\*
- Indian Rocks Beach** – (727) 595-6889 – [indian-rocks-beach.com](http://indian-rocks-beach.com)
- Indian Shores** – (727) 595-4020 – [myindianshores.com](http://myindianshores.com)
- Kenneth City** – (727) 498-4948 – [kennethcityfl.org](http://kennethcityfl.org)\*\*
- Largo** – (727) 587-6760 – [largorecycles.com](http://largorecycles.com)
- Madeira Beach** – (727) 543-8154 – [madeirabeachfl.gov](http://madeirabeachfl.gov)
- North Redington Beach** – (727) 391-4848 – [townofnrb.com](http://townofnrb.com)\*\*
- Oldsmar** – (813) 855-5257 – [myoldsmar.com](http://myoldsmar.com)
- Pinellas Park** – (727) 369-0690 – [pinellas-park.com](http://pinellas-park.com)
- Redington Beach** – (727) 391-3875 – [townofredingtonbeach.com](http://townofredingtonbeach.com)
- Redington Shores** – (727) 397-5538 – [townofredingtonshores.com](http://townofredingtonshores.com)
- Safety Harbor** – (727) 724-1550 ext. 2002 – [cityofsafetyharbor.com](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com)
- Seminole** – (727) 397-6383 ext. 3 – [myseminole.com](http://myseminole.com)\*\*
- South Pasadena** – (727) 384-0701 – [mysouthpasadena.com](http://mysouthpasadena.com)
- St. Petersburg** – (727) 893-7838 – [stpete.org/recycle](http://stpete.org/recycle)
- St. Pete Beach** – (727) 572-6800 – [stpetebeach.org](http://stpetebeach.org)
- Tarpon Springs** – (727) 943-4837 – [ctsfl.us/sanitation-recycling-yardwaste](http://ctsfl.us/sanitation-recycling-yardwaste)
- Treasure Island** – (727) 547-4575 ext. 250 – [mytreasureisland.org](http://mytreasureisland.org)

## Unincorporated (not in a city or town)

Contact these private haulers to inquire about garbage and recycling collection service.

- American Waste Disposal** – (727) 396-7132 – [americanwastedisposal.com](http://americanwastedisposal.com)
- Coastal Waste and Recycling** – (727) 561-0360 – [coastalwasteinc.com](http://coastalwasteinc.com)
- D and D Hauling-Sanitation** – (727) 586-6416 – [dndhauling.com](http://dndhauling.com)
- Solar Sanitation** – (727) 535-0447 – [solarsanitationinc.com](http://solarsanitationinc.com)
- Stinky's Waste Management** – (727) 423-5555
- Superior Trash Service** – (727) 254-0664 – [superiortrashservice.com](http://superiortrashservice.com)
- Tote Enterprises, Inc.** – (727) 422-0736 – [toteenterprises.com](http://toteenterprises.com)
- Waste Connections** – (727) 572-6800 – [wasteconnections.com/pinellas](http://wasteconnections.com/pinellas)
- Waste Management** – (727) 572-8779 – [wm.com](http://wm.com)
- Waste Pro** – (727) 452-5278 – [wasteprousa.com/office/clearwater](http://wasteprousa.com/office/clearwater)

\* Recyclables are collected in two separate bins. Glass is not accepted curbside.

\*\* Call for information about recycling collection assistance.

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## Creating an advertising campaign

On the previous page, there are categories and items listed that do not belong in your recycling bin. Choose one of the categories listed on the page and design an advertising campaign and press release explaining ways to reduce your use or reuse of these items without putting them in the garbage or recycling bins. Use the Where Does It Go? Search Tool at [Pinellas.gov/where](http://Pinellas.gov/where) to locate reuse/recycling/disposal options. For the advertisement, use the ads in the Tampa Bay Times as models for your ad. For the press release, style your release around the essential questions covered in a typical newspaper article: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? Share your advertisement and press release with your class. You can submit both to your school's newspaper as well.

**Florida Standards:** ELA.412.EE.1.1; ELA.412.EE.2.1; ELA.412.EE.3.1; ELA.412.EE.4.1; ELA.412.EE.5.1; ELA.412.EE.6.1; ELA.412.C.1.3; ELA.412.C.1.4; ELA.412.C.1.5; ELA.412.C.2.1; ELA.412.C.3.1; ELA.412.C.4.1; ELA.412.C.5.1; ELA.412.R.2.1; ELA.412.R.2.2



# Partner Spotlight:

## Keep Pinellas Beautiful

Keep Pinellas Beautiful (KPB) is a nonprofit working to conserve and beautify our natural environment. KPB empowers people, raises awareness and creates a culture of environmentally responsible residents to help protect and preserve the health of our environment.

KPB organizes volunteers and motivates thousands annually to clean up, reduce waste, beautify and improve their neighborhoods by providing practical ways for everyone to do their part.

Although KPB offers a wide variety of programming to achieve its mission, here are a few worth highlighting:

### Community Improvement:

With the help of ~20,000 volunteers, KPB hosts 1,300 community improvement projects a year. Projects include land and waterway cleanups, Florida native species and tree plantings, invasive vegetation removals and mulching. In partnership with Pinellas County, KPB also manages the county's Adopt-A-Mile Program in which residents can symbolically adopt a stretch of road or trail to help keep their community clean.

### Educational Programming:

KPB's educational program provides presentations, outreach education services

and experiential learning opportunities to residents of all ages.

- **Educational presentations:** KPB provides free presentations to schools, businesses and civic organizations.
- **VolunTeens Program:** This program gives middle and high school students the opportunity to earn community service hours through participation in KPB hands-on projects and waste reduction initiatives.
- **High School Chapter Program:** KPB is working to partner with the environmental or service club at every high school in Pinellas County. KPB offers the clubs community service and educational opportunities to help the students develop environmental awareness and learn valuable skills in leadership, problem-solving and teamwork.

### Litter Hotline:

The Litter Hotline empowers residents to take action against excessive litter and illegal dumping within their communities. KPB investigates each hotline call and responds within 24 hours. By reporting these incidents, residents assist KPB in their ongoing effort to maintain and beautify our county. Call the hotline: **(727) 210-GONE (4663)**.



## Interview with KPB Education Coordinator Devon Francke

### What item/material do you find the most during litter cleanup events?

By far, it's cigarette butts! Each year, around 4.5 to 5 trillion cigarette butts are littered, making them the top littered items in the world.

### How can Pinellas County residents get involved with KPB programs and events?

Check out our Upcoming Events page on our website at [www.kpbcares.org/upcoming-events](http://www.kpbcares.org/upcoming-events)! Look for an event going on near you, then sign up and come help do your part to keep Pinellas County beautiful.

### What are your tips for someone wanting to protect the environment for future generations?

Educate yourself about what behaviors people are doing that are actively harming the environment; then to learn what you can do to break those habits and make a change for the better! By joining KPB in our litter abatement and conservation initiatives, you'll feel empowered to continue learning what you can do to make a difference every day.

### What is your favorite thing about working for KPB?

For me, it's working with the youth. Teaching students about how they can protect and conserve the environment, then seeing them take those skills and incorporate them into their everyday lives gives me an abundance of hope for our future. I truly have the best job in the world.

To find out more about Keep Pinellas Beautiful, visit [kpbcares.org](http://kpbcares.org), email [info@kpbcares.org](mailto:info@kpbcares.org), or call (727) 533-0402.

# RECYCLING DROP-OFF

## 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\*

## DUNEDIN

- 8 Highlander Park Recycling Site • 1941 Ed Eckert Drive, across from Highlander Pool
- 9 Lake Haven Recycling Center • 810 Lake Haven Road

## GULFPORT

- 16 49th Street Neighborhood Center • 1617 49th St. S

## INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

- 17 Brown Park • Bay Boulevard and Second Street
- 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

- 25 Indian Shores Town Hall • 19305 Gulf Blvd.

\*County-managed drop-off centers

## LARGO

- 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 Drive
- 24 Tri-City Plaza • U.S. 19 N and East Bay Drive, 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 Drive, Off Alt U.S. 19 N\*

## REDINGTON SHORES

- 26 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

- 27 Lake Seminole Park • 10015 Park Blvd., east of Seminole Boulevard\*



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## Keep Pinellas Beautiful

Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Inc. (KPB) works to address critical environmental issues within Pinellas County and the greater Tampa Bay region. Read the article about KPB on the previous page and respond to the following questions:

- What is the mission statement of KPB?
- What services does KPB offer?
- Where does KPB conduct business?
- In your own words, describe three examples of services KPB performs.
- Why does KPB perform these services? What is the goal of KPB?

After you respond to these questions, look in the Tampa Bay Times for examples of ways KPB can help create healthier, safer and more livable community environments. Create an infographic, poster or PowerPoint presentation to highlight the examples you find in the newspaper. Share what you have learned with your class.

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# CENTERS

## ST. PETERSBURG

City of St. Petersburg Recycling/Brush Sites:

- 29** • 1000 62nd Ave. NE
- 34** • 7750 26th Ave. N
- 32** • 2453 20th Ave. N
- 35** • 2500 26th Ave. S
- 33** • 4015 Dr. MLK Jr. St. S

**30** Crescent Lake Park • 1320 Fifth St. N

**28** Pinellas County Solid Waste • 2855 109th Ave. N\*

**31** 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 Avenue\*

**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

**36** Fort De Soto Park boat ramp overflow parking area - 3600 Pinellas Bayway S\*

**37** Fort De Soto Park campground – 3500 Pinellas Bayway S\*

Locations on map are approximate.



## Recycling Drop-Off Centers



Scan this QR code for an interactive online map of the recycling drop-off centers.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS

## The County offers two convenient facilities to drop off household chemicals.

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program is free for Pinellas County households only. Government-issued ID is required and scanned for proof of residency. For information about business waste disposal, visit [Pinellas.gov/bizwaste](https://pinellas.gov/bizwaste).

Questions? Visit [Pinellas.gov/hhw](https://pinellas.gov/hhw) or call (727) 464-7500.



The HHW program diverts household hazardous waste from the garbage for proper recycling and disposal.

In 2023, the HHW program diverted 1,165,289 pounds of materials from the landfill. This amount of material is more than five times as heavy as a blue whale!



### HHW CENTER

2855 109th Ave. N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Open select days  
from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### HHW NORTH

29582 U.S. 19 N,  
Clearwater, FL 33761

Open select Saturdays from  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### HHW Calendar



Scan this QR code to view hours, days and locations or visit [Pinellas.gov/hhwcalendar](https://pinellas.gov/hhwcalendar).



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## Household Hazardous Waste

Pinellas County Solid Waste's Hazardous Waste (HHW) program keeps hazardous waste out of our garbage so it can be properly recycled or disposed of. According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, hazardous waste has "one or more characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity, making it dangerous." Look up the meaning of these words: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity and toxicity. If hazardous waste isn't disposed of properly, it could harm the environment, people and animals. Go to [Pinellas.gov/hhw](https://pinellas.gov/hhw) to learn more about Pinellas County Solid Waste's HHW program. Using the information on this page and in this publication, write a newspaper article explaining what HHW is and how to properly dispose of it. Model your article on the newspaper articles in the Tampa Bay Times. Find or create an image to go with your article. Present the image and a brief summary of your article to your class.

**Florida Standards:** SC.912.L.17.14; SC.912.L.17.16; ELA.412.EE.1.1; ELA.412.EE.2.1; ELA.412.EE.3.1; ELA.412.EE.4.1; ELA.412.EE.5.1; ELA.412.EE.6.1; ELA.412.C.1.3; ELA.412.C.1.4; ELA.412.C.1.5; ELA.412.C.2.1; ELA.412.C.3.1; ELA.412.C.4.1; ELA.412.C.5.1; ELA.412.F.1.3; ELA.412.F.1.4; ELA.412.R.2.2; ELA.412.R.2.3; ELA.412.R.2.4; ELA.412.F.1.3



# WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION

## WHAT TO BRING

Material limits are per vehicle per day.



### AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

- Oils and antifreeze (Limit: 5 gallons)
- Gasoline and diesel (Limit: 2 five-gallon DOT containers. No tanks.)



### RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

- Including lithium-ion, mercury, nickel cadmium, lithium and nickel metal hydride
- Vape devices (Limit: 12)



### 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 containers, 5 five-gallon containers)



### POOL & SPA PRODUCTS

- Chlorine • Muriatic acid
- Cleaners/clarifiers



### SIGNAL FLARES

- Marine
- Road (Guns and cases not accepted)

## HOW TO PACKAGE CHEMICALS

When you are getting ready to drop off your household chemicals at the HHW Center or at HHW North, please package them as follows to help keep you and our staff safe and to minimize spills:

### DO:

- Place containers in a box or tray and use crumpled paper as packing material to prevent breakage.
- Place leaking containers in a clear, sealed bag; then in a box or tray.
- Place chemicals in trunk or truck bed, away from passengers.

### DO NOT:

- Mix chemicals together.
- Put containers in a bag, unless leaking.



## Never too 'mulch' of a good thing

Pinellas County grinds yard waste and turns it into mulch for reuse by county residents.

The County offers free mulch at convenient locations all around Pinellas County. Bring a shovel and transport container(s) and take as much as you need. Your garden will thank you!

For more information, visit [Pinellas.gov/mulch](https://www.pinellas.gov/mulch) or scan this QR code for an online map of the mulch pickup sites.



**Mulch Pickup Sites**



## Artificial reefs

Pinellas County reuses environmentally safe items, such as concrete, pipes and steel beams, to build artificial reefs. There are currently 43 artificial reefs in Pinellas County — 14 offshore and 29 inshore.

Artificial reefs provide valuable habitat for marine life and create exciting attractions for scuba divers to explore.

You can find all reef locations on our online map by visiting [Pinellas.gov/reef](https://www.pinellas.gov/reef) or scanning this QR code.



**Artificial Reef Map**

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## Artificial reefs

In 1975, Pinellas County Solid Waste began creating artificial reefs from clean, inert debris such as concrete. Since then, about 50,000 tons of reef material have been placed. Artificial reefs provide valuable underwater habitats for marine life using environmentally-safe building and demolition debris. Items such as concrete pipes, steel beams, or entire ships are carefully placed on the gulf or bay bottom. Within about two weeks, algae and barnacles attach to the reef material. Soon, fish come to feed on these creatures. Within a year, the reef begins to support coral growth. To learn more about this program, visit [Pinellas.gov/artificial-reef-faq/](https://www.pinellas.gov/artificial-reef-faq/). Using the cartoons in the Tampa Bay Times as models, create a cartoon depicting the artificial reef process. Share your cartoon and what you have learned with your class.

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### MEET OUR OUTREACH TEAM!

(left to right)  
Emily, Jasmine, Ashley and Leslie



GET CAUGHT BY THE CLAW!



# WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Come on a tour of the Solid Waste Disposal Complex! Tours are approximately 90 minutes and include a classroom presentation and driving tour. Available to everyone ages 8 and older.

## For more information and to sign up:

Call (727) 464-7500 – Email [recycle@pinellas.gov](mailto:recycle@pinellas.gov) – Scan the QR code below or visit [Pinellas.gov/SWeducation](http://Pinellas.gov/SWeducation).



In-person Tours



Virtual Tour

CAN'T VISIT US IN PERSON? TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOUR!



**SUGGESTIONS?**  
Reach out to us at [recycle@pinellas.gov](mailto:recycle@pinellas.gov).

For children ages 8 and under, check out our kindergarten through grade 2 educational resources at [Pinellas.gov/k-2-resources-for-garbage-and-recycling](http://Pinellas.gov/k-2-resources-for-garbage-and-recycling). Teachers: the activities are aligned with Florida Standards and can be used in the classroom.





# Properly dispose of rechargeable batteries

Rechargeable batteries, such as those found in cell phones, laptops, hearing aids, power tools, toys and more, can cause fires in garbage and recycling trucks and at processing facilities. These fires can create dangerous situations for employees, cause damage to equipment and ruin perfectly good loads of recyclable material.

Rechargeable batteries and any other battery not labeled as "alkaline" should be taken to a drop-off center for proper disposal. These batteries should never be placed in your garbage or recycling bin. Free battery drop-off centers are available throughout Pinellas County.



For more information on what types of batteries need to be taken to a drop-off center and to find a location near you, scan the QR code in the image below or visit [Pinellas.gov/where](https://www.pinellas.gov/where).



## About NIE

The Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program (NIE) is a cooperative effort between schools and the Times Publishing Co. to encourage the use of newspapers in print and electronic form as educational resources — a "living textbook."

Our educational resources fall into the category of informational text, a type of nonfiction text. The primary purpose of informational text is to convey information about the natural or social world.

NIE serves educators, students and families by providing schools with class sets of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Tampa Bay Times plus award-winning original educational publications, teacher guides, lesson plans, educator workshops and many more resources — all at no cost to schools, teachers or families.

In 2023-2024, NIE provided almost 10 million e-Newspaper licenses and 200,000 print newspapers to Tampa Bay classrooms.

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