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Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Lamp Disposal

from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

*USE but **DON'T TRASH** energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs!*



**Fluorescent
Bulbs
Contain
Mercury!**

DID YOU KNOW...

FACTS

- ➔ **FLUORESCENT AND HID* LAMPS CONTAIN MERCURY.** When broken, incinerated, or buried in a landfill, they release mercury into the air, water and soil.
- ➔ Due to high mercury levels, Massachusetts has a fish advisory restricting the amount of fish pregnant women and children should eat.
- ➔ **Standard mercury-containing lamps MUST be recycled or managed as a hazardous waste according to Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Rules.** See disposal options below.
- ➔ “Green end cap” lamps, while legally considered non-hazardous, are not mercury free! Some incinerators won’t accept them, no matter what their classification. For these reasons, MA DEP strongly recommends recycling green end cap and other low-mercury lamps.
- ➔ Improperly disposed lamps are a liability! Commercial lamp generators may be held liable for contaminated waste sites under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Employees may be exposed to unsafe mercury levels from mismanaged lamps.
- ➔ Fluorescent bulbs are 75% more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last 5-10 times longer. Using them will help lower your electric bill!

*HID (High Intensity Discharge) bulbs include metal halide, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapor used commonly in commercial indoor and outdoor lighting and other speciality lighting applications.

Disposal Options for Fluorescent and HID Bulbs in Massachusetts

For Commercial/Institutional:

Dispose of fluorescent and HID lamps through one of the following sources:

Commercial Fluorescent Lamp Recyclers—

Onyx Superior Special Services
218 Canton Street
Stoughton, MA 02072
781-341-6080 x232
www.onyxes.com

Complete Recycling Solutions, LLC
One Father DeValles Blvd.
Fall River, MA 02723
Phone: 508-402-7700 or
866-277-9797
www.crsrecycle.com

UniWaste Services Corp.
125 Aviation Avenue
Pease International Tradeport
Portsmouth, NH 03801
800-522-7711 or 603-422-7711

Northeast Lamp Recycling, Inc.
250 Main Street
PO Box 680
E. Windsor, CT 06088
860-292-1992
www.nlrlamp.com

These four are nearby recyclers.
For a complete list serving the area
see <http://www.newmoa.org/lamprecycle>

Electrical Distributors—

Some distributors provide recycling services, offering a convenient, one-stop shopping arrangement for lamp purchasing and spent lamp management. Ask your lamp distributor if he or she provides this service. Below are some distributors who will help customers recycle their lamps. This list is not comprehensive.

Ralph Pill Electric Supply,
8 branch locations in MA
Contact: Ric Howard,
617-532-2062
rhoward@ralphpill.com

Granite City Electric Supply,
14 branch locations in MA
Contact: Gregory A. Smith,
802-442-8155
gregs@granitecityelectric.com

Mention of a company is not an endorsement by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

For More Information—

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/univwast/lamp.htm>

Visit MA DEP Web site:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/files/flampbiz.htm>

For Households:

Households are exempt from the regulations but strongly encouraged to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps. Many Massachusetts communities offer collection services to residents. Contact your local community or visit www.cleanup.org to find out how to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps in your area.

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