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Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Bulb Disposal!

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



DID YOU KNOW...
Fluorescent
Bulbs
Contain
Mercury!

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, New Hampshire 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 N.H. 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, NH DES strongly recommends recycling green end cap and other low-mercury lamps.
- ➔ Lamps that are improperly disposed of are a liability. Businesses improperly disposing of spent lamps may be held liable for contaminated waste sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). 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

For Commercial/Institutional:

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

Commercial Fluorescent Lamp Recyclers—

Below are nearby recyclers.

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

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

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

For a complete list serving the area, see <http://www.des.state.nh.us/swtas/lamplist.htm>

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.

CED
254 Sheep Davis Road
Concord, NH 03301
603-228-3785

Northeast Electrical
Distribution/SONEPAR
36 Littleworth Road
Dover, NH 03820
603-740-3800

Mention of a company is not an endorsement by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

For More Information—

Contact Paul Lockwood at plockwood@des.state.nh.us or (603) 271-2956.

Visit NH DES Web site:
<http://www.des.nh.gov/factsheets/hw/hw-7.htm#1>

For Households:

Households are exempt from the regulations but strongly encouraged to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps. Recycle them at your local transfer station or Household Hazardous Waste collection. For more information, contact Melanie Wheeler at (603) 271-2047 or visit <http://www.des.nh.gov/hhw>

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