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Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Lamp Disposal

from the New Jersey 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, New Jersey 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 New Jersey Hazardous Waste Regulations.** 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, NJ DEP strongly recommends recycling green end cap and other low-mercury lamps.
- ➔ Improperly disposed lamps are a liability! Businesses improperly disposing of fluorescent lamps may be held liable 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 in New Jersey

For Commercial/Institutional:

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

Commercial Fluorescent Lamp Recyclers—

Advanced Environmental Recycling Corporation
Allentown, PA
Contact: Mario Ianiero,
800-554-2372

Earth Protection Services, Inc.
Lancaster, PA
Contact: Andy Neuman,
717-239-5900

Northeast Lamp Recycling, Inc.
E. Windsor, CT
Contact: Ray Graczyk,
860-292-1992

We Recycle! (lamp broker)
Meriden, CT
Contact: Mick Schum,
877-937-3292

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.

Kahant Electrical Supply Co.
437 Route 10
Randolph, NJ 07869-2116
Contact: Frank Picorale 973-366-2966

Cooper Electric Supply
666 Highway 35
Middletown, NJ 07748
Contact: Gary Shaw

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

For More Information—

Contact Robin Heston, Bureau of Landfill & Recycling Management at (609) 984-6650, or by e-mail at robin.heston@dep.state.nj.us.

Visit NJ DEP Web site:
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/irm/uwaste>

For Households:

Households are exempt from the regulations but strongly encouraged to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps. Recycle them through NJ DEP’s Household Hazardous Waste Program. For more information, see <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rrtp/hhwcps.htm>

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