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## Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Lamp Disposal

from the Connecticut 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, Connecticut has a fish advisory restricting the amount of fish people should eat.
- ➔ **All mercury-containing lamps, including low mercury "green ends" MUST be recycled according to the Connecticut hazardous and solid waste regulations.** See recycling options below.
- ➔ Improperly disposed lamps 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.

## Recycling Options for Fluorescent and HID Bulbs in Connecticut

### For Commercial/Institutional:

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

#### Commercial Fluorescent Lamp Recyclers—

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

WeRecycle!, Inc. (lamp broker)  
500 South Broad Street  
Meriden, CT 06450  
877-937-3292  
http://www.we-recycle.net

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

Advanced Environmental Recycling Corporation  
2591 Mitchell Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103  
800-554-2372

These four are nearby recyclers. For a complete list of recyclers and brokers serving the northeast area see <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/recycle/flist.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.

Electrical Wholesalers,  
21 branch locations in Connecticut. For more information see <http://www.ew-inc.com> or contact Rick Schaller at 1-800-522-3232

Connecticut Electric Equipment, Guilford and Waterbury branch locations. Contact Doug Carney at 1-800-545-0332 ext.137 for more information.

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

#### For More Information—

Contact Tom Metzner at 860-424-3242 or [tom.metzner@po.state.ct.us](mailto:tom.metzner@po.state.ct.us).

Visit CT DEP Web site: <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/mercury/merclamp/htm>

### For Households:

Households are exempt from the regulations but strongly encouraged to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps. Recycle them through your municipal Household Hazardous Waste Program. For more information see <http://dep.state.ct.us/wst/recycle/hhwsched.htm>

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