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Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Bulb Disposal!

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, Rhode Island has a fish advisory restricting the amount of fish pregnant women and children should eat.
- ➔ **All mercury-containing lamps, including low mercury “green ends” MUST be recycled or managed as a hazardous waste according to the Rhode Island Universal Waste Rule.** See disposal 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.

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—

Advanced Environmental Recycling Corporation
2591 Mitchell Ave.
Allentown, PA 18103
800-554-2372
<http://www.aercmti.com/>

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

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

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

These four are nearby recyclers. For a complete list of recyclers and brokers serving the northeast see <http://www.state.ri.us/dem/programs/benviron/assist/pdf/lamprecy.pdf>

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.

Major Electric Supply
123 High Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-724-7100

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

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For More Information—

Contact Beverly Migliore, 401-222-4700 X7503 or at bmiglio1@dem.state.ri.us
Visit RI DEM Web site at <http://www.state.ri.us/dem/topics/mercury.htm>

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908-5767

For Households:

Households are exempt from the regulations but strongly encouraged to recycle fluorescent and HID lamps. Recycle them through the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC). Call 401-942-1430 X241 for more information.

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