

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

FOR BUSINESSES



Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL'S) are alternatives to traditional incandescent light bulbs. They use 66% less energy – that reduces the amount of emissions that come from fossil fuel burning power plants! CFL's can also save you money since they use less energy, the average 70-watt equivalent can save \$20.02 a year!

Who should be concerned with CFL recycling?

Both households and businesses should be concerned. CFL's contain low levels of mercury, a toxic metal, that can cause damage to vital organs in the body so proper disposal and recycling is important.

If a CFL breaks in your business, immediately open windows to allow for vapor to dissipate and sweep the fragments (do not vacuum!) into a plastic bag for disposal. Make sure to wipe the area with a disposable paper towel to remove all glass fragments. Broken light bulbs can be recycled as well.

Businesses

With 100 employees or less can manage CFL's in conjunction with Universal Waste Regulations along with hazardous batteries, certain hazardous pesticides, and hazardous thermostats.

Businesses (continued)

With 100 employees or more can manage CFL's in conjunction with Universal Waste Regulations assuming the total waste on site does not exceed 11,000 lbs., or in compliance with Traditional Hazardous Waste Regulations.

How can CFL's be recycled?

Businesses need to make an appointment, by calling 273-6632, to bring CFL's to the RSWC for recycling.

At the time of disposal there is a fee* listed as follows;

Straight Tubes	\$1.15 per lb.
U Tubes	\$4.60 per lb.
HID Mercury	\$5.75 per lb.
Compact Fluorescent	\$9.20 per lb.

*Fees are subject to change without notice.

All fluorescent tubes and light bulbs received by the county's Hazardous Waste Contractor, *Clean Harbors Environmental*, are packaged and shipped to Chicago where the mercury is safely removed and recycled and the diverted glass and metal are recycled separately.

Businesses that choose to manage their waste independently should contact a private *Hazardous Waste Management handler*. Businesses are encouraged to contact a professional Hazardous Waste Management company to verify that proper Hazardous Waste management practices for its specific business are being followed.

For Further assistance call 273-6632.



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