

FLUORESCENT LAMPS DISPOSAL



Fluorescent lamps contain a small amount of Mercury. Mercury is an extremely toxic element that must be handled and managed carefully.

Fluorescent lamps:

Come in two forms, compact and linear.

- **Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)** were developed as a replacement for regular household incandescent lights.
- **Linear** lamps are used in shops, buildings, basements, etc. Linear lamps also come in different shapes such as *round* or *U-shaped*.



All lamps and bulbs containing mercury and/or other heavy metals, require proper disposal.

Other forms of fluorescent lamps:

- Black and tanning lights
- Infrared
- Germicidal
- Cold-cathode fluorescent lamps
- UVB medical grow
- Bilirubin
- Electrodeless

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs):



Spiral Capsul Quadtube Globe Square Flood

Hazard Level: Mercury (Toxic)

Disposal: Take to Home Depot, Lowes (*no charge*)

- Take to Northampton County Collection Event (fees may apply)

Fluorescent Bulbs:



Circular Fluorescent Tube

Hazard Level: Mercury (Toxic)

Disposal: Take to Home Depot, Lowes (*no charge*)

- Take to Northampton County Collection Event (fees may apply)

Halogen Bulbs:



Hazard Level: Non-Toxic

Disposal: Dispose of in regular household trash. *Wrap in paper in plastic to contain and avoid broken and sharp pieces.*

High Intensity Discharge Bulbs (HID):



Hazard Level: Mercury (Toxic)

Disposal: Take to Clean Earth; or

- Take to Northampton County E-waste Event (fees may apply)

Incandescent Bulbs:



Bulb Tube Chandelier Flood

Hazard Level: Non-Toxic

Disposal: Dispose of in regular household trash. *Wrap in paper in plastic to contain and avoid broken and sharp pieces.*

Light-Emitting Diode Bulbs (LEDs):



Hazard Level: Non-Toxic

Disposal: Take to Home Depot, Lowes (*no charge*). Can dispose of in regular household trash as a last resort. *Wrap in paper in plastic to contain and avoid broken and sharp pieces.*

There is no recycling market for broken fluorescent lamps.



Mail-in recycling kits are also an option. There is a cost associated with mail programs that includes prepaid shipping labels and packaging.

