



Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Tubes: Safe Handling and Disposal



Fluorescent tubes, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) and other mercury-containing lamps such as high intensity discharge (HID), sodium, certain floodlights and neon bulbs contain mercury vapor that may be released into the environment when broken.

In California, these items **MUST** be recycled or taken to a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal Facility.



Cleaning Up Broken Lamps. Tubes, CFLs

- Open all doors and windows to ventilate the area for at least 15 minutes.
- Turn off your AC/Fan/Heater so as not to circulate any mercury vapor
- Young children and pregnant women should leave the area during cleanup.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as a dust mask and gloves to keep bulb dust and glass from being inhaled or contacting your skin.
- Carefully remove the larger pieces and place them in a secure closed container.
- Next, begin collecting the smaller pieces and dust. It is recommended that you use two stiff pieces of paper such as index cards or one of the many commercial mercury spill kits available.
- Put all material into a sealed container. Pat the area with the sticky side of duct, packing or masking tape. Wipe the area with a damp cloth.
- Put all waste and materials used to clean up the bulb in a secure closed container and label it "Universal Waste - broken lamp".
- Take the container for recycling to the household hazardous waste facility (HHW) nearest you.

Safe Disposal of Fluorescents

City of Malibu E-Waste Recycling:
unbroken CFLs accepted bi-monthly in "even" months 10am-2pm at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road. For information, contact staff at (310) 456-2489 or www.malibucity.org

LA County HHW Collection events:
For event schedule information call (888) CLEAN LA (888-253-2652) or visit www.CleanLA.com

SAFE (Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics) Center:
UCLA 550 Charles E. Young Drive, W. Los Angeles, 90095 (800) 988-6942
Thurs, Fri & Sat 8 am to 2 pm
(E-waste accepted on Saturday only)

