



Recycling CFL Bulbs



How to Safely Dispose of Compact Fluorescent Bulbs

Fluorescent lights save energy and money and protect the environment. Using them reduces the amount of energy that needs to be produced by power plants as well as the money you spend on electricity. Fluorescent lights also contain small amounts of mercury so they need to be managed properly.

What should I do if a compact fluorescent bulb breaks in my home?

- Do not inhale the vapor
- Do not use a vacuum for cleanup
- Sweep the pieces together with a brush or broom, not with your hand
- Clean up glass with a wet rag or towel and place the towel, along with the pieces, into a sealed plastic bag before disposing

*Compact fluorescent bulbs emit no mercury unless they are broken

*Never burn a compact fluorescent light bulb as means of disposal

Several options for recycling fluorescent lights on the Olympic Peninsula

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(360)385-6366

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Sequim, WA 98382
(360) 582-1620

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Ecycle Northwest
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Jefferson County Moderate Risk Waste Facility
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Note: A coal power plant powering a n incandescent light bulb instead of a CFL will release more mercury into the air than is actually contained in a CFL itself. Although the CFL mercury issue is a concern, the net result of mercury released into our environment, given the reduce power requirements of a compact fluorescent bulb over its lifetime, remains less.



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