

# Fluorescent Light Bulb Disposal

## Your Guide for Safe Disposal and Recycling in Calumet County

**Many fluorescent bulbs contain hazardous wastes such as mercury at toxic levels.** While Wisconsin law does not regulate the disposal of fluorescent bulbs from households, these bulbs should be properly disposed to avoid contaminating the environment and harming human health.

If every home in America replaced just one incandescent light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified CFL, in one year it would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes. That would prevent the release of greenhouse gas emissions equal to about 800,000 cars.

### **Broken fluorescent light bulb?**

Fluorescent light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. When a fluorescent bulb breaks, some of this mercury is released as mercury vapor. After cleaning up all visible pieces of glass and residue, seal in two plastic bags and put it into the outside trash, or other protected outside location, for the next scheduled trash collection. For detailed instructions, visit [www.epa.gov/cfl/CFL\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/cfl/CFL_brochure.pdf)

Sources: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) (US EPA 2010)

[www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) (WI DNR, 2010)



## Disposal Locations

### **Batteries Plus**

[www.batteriesplus.com](http://www.batteriesplus.com)

### **Home Depot**

All Home Depot Stores

[www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

### **Lowe's**

All Lowe's Stores

[www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

### **Manitowoc Recycling Center**

(920) 683-4333

[www.manitowocrecycles.org](http://www.manitowocrecycles.org)

### **Outagamie Recycling & Solid Waste**

(920) 832-5277

[www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org](http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org)

### **Winnebago County Solid Waste**

(920) 232-1800

[www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste](http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste)



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