

# Fluorescent Light Bulb Disposal

Your guide for safe disposal and recycling for Calumet County residents

**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

	Compact Fluorescent Accepted	Tube Fluorescent Accepted
<b>Batteries Plus</b> All Batteries Plus Stores <a href="http://www.batteriesplus.com">www.batteriesplus.com</a>	YES (Free)	YES (Charge)
<b>Farm &amp; Home</b> (920) 849-9391   Chilton <a href="http://www.farmhomechilton.com">www.farmhomechilton.com</a>	YES (\$1 ea)	YES (\$1 ea)
<b>Home Depot</b> All Home Depot Stores <a href="http://www.homedepot.com">www.homedepot.com</a>	YES (Free)	NO
<b>Lowes</b> All Lowes Stores <a href="http://www.lowes.com">www.lowes.com</a>	YES (Free)	NO
<b>Manitowoc Recycling Center</b> (920) 683-4333 <a href="http://www.manitowocrecycles.org">www.manitowocrecycles.org</a>	YES (Charge)	YES (Charge) 4' or less: \$.30 ea greater than 4': \$.40 ea
<b>New Holstein True Value</b> (920) 898-4864 <a href="http://ww3.truevalue.com/newholstein">ww3.truevalue.com/newholstein</a>	YES (Free) Limit 9	NO
<b>New Holstein Utilities</b> (920) 898-5776 <a href="http://www.nhutilities.org/environment">www.nhutilities.org/environment</a> <i>Periodic days scheduled during the year</i>	YES (Charge) approx \$.19 ea	YES (Charge) 4' or less: \$.19 ea greater than 4': \$.32 ea
<b>Outagamie Recycling &amp; Solid Waste</b> (920) 832-5277 <a href="http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org">www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org</a>	YES (Charge) \$.50 ea	YES (Charge) 4' or less: \$.50 ea greater than 4': \$1.00 ea
<b>Winnebago County Solid Waste</b> (920) 232-1800 <a href="http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste">www.co.winnebago.wi.us/solid-waste</a>	YES (Charge) \$.25 ea	YES (Charge) 4' or less: \$.25 ea greater than 4': \$.50 ea

**To locate other local outlets, visit [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com).**

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Community Recycling in Calumet County

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