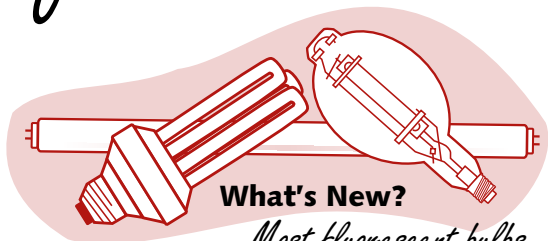


Fluorescent Bulb Disposal Options for Businesses



What's New?

*Most fluorescent bulbs
cannot go in the garbage.*

Mercury is a Health Hazard

Fluorescent and high intensity discharge (HID) bulbs and tubes (fluorescents) contain mercury and many designate as hazardous waste. Federal, State, and Local regulations prohibit mercury-containing items from being disposed of with residential or commercial/business solid waste. Properly recycled fluorescents can be handled as universal waste. Fluorescents can also be disposed of as hazardous waste through a permitted hazardous waste company or the County moderate risk waste facility.

Fluorescent Facts

Today's efficient fluorescent lamps illuminate at 1/3 the energy use of incandescents and can last 1 1/2 to 3 times longer than older fluorescents. Increasing lamp change out intervals can help lower recycling or disposal costs.

Managing Spent Lamps

It is your responsibility to train your employees about the hazards associated with handling fluorescent lamps.

Only fluorescent lamps that have been tested and received clearance from the Snohomish Health District, can be disposed of as solid waste. Call 425-339-5250 for waste clearance assistance, and the Snohomish County Solid Waste Management Division at 425-388-3425 for special handling requirements.

Recycle/Reclaim Used Fluorescents

In Snohomish County, commercial/business generators of fluorescents are encouraged to recycle them. Save the box the lamps came in to use for handling and recycling. A list of recycling companies is shown below.

Small Quantity Generator businesses (SQG's) may purchase recycling services at the County's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Station at 3434 McDougall Avenue in Everett. Call 425-388-6050 for hours and fees

Recyclers separate the tubes into their component materials for recycling and reuse. Companies that recycle used fluorescents are listed below. Some provide local pickup. Inclusion in this list is not an endorsement of companies listed. Responsibility for proper handling and disposal of waste belongs to the generator.

Recycling Facilities

- Air Cycle Corp., IL, 708-344-7860
- Allied Technology Group, CA, 800-227-2840
- Bethlehem Apparatus Co., PA, 610-838-7034
- Earth Protection Services, OR, 503-620-2466
- EcoLights, Seattle, WA, 206-343-1247
- Global Recycling Technologies, Inc.
800 478-6055
- Grainger (broker/transporter), Seattle, WA
425-251-5030
- Lighting Recyclers, Inc., OR, 503-281-5270
- Mercury Technologies, Int'l, CA, 800-628-3675
- Mercury Waste Solutions, MN, 816-554-8080
- NuLife Industries, Aldergrove, BC Canada
800-247-6724
- Recyclights, MN, 800-831-2852
- Recyclights – West, NV, 702-633-7900
- Salesco Systems USA, Inc., AZ
425-427-1825 (local rep)
- Superior Special Services, MN, 800-831-2852



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Solid Waste Management
425-388-3425 (TTY: 425-388-3700)