


YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE.

You've already realized the incredible cost savings and environmental benefits of fluorescent and high intensity discharge (HID) lamps. The next step is to dispose of them properly. These products contain a small amount of mercury, a bio-accumulative element that should be handled carefully. By recycling your fluorescent and HID lamps, you are preventing mercury from being released into the environment. So continue to do the right thing and recycle—don't throw away—your energy-efficient lamps.



 This symbol on a bulb or package means the bulb contains mercury.

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MASSACHUSETTS LAW REQUIRES PROPER DISPOSAL OF MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMPS.



All Massachusetts businesses, facilities, schools, government agencies and even households are affected by the Mercury Management Act that bans mercury-containing lamps from landfills and incinerators, in effect since May 1, 2008.

Businesses should store unbroken spent lamps in a box or fiber drum labeled “Universal Waste—Spent Fluorescent Lamps” and keep the container in a secure area. Lamps can then be collected by or delivered to an authorized lamp recycler within one year.

Household lamps can be brought to a municipal household hazardous waste facility or some retail collection locations for recycling. Contact your municipality or check www.earth911.org to locate a community or retail collection location near you.

FACTS

- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), high intensity discharge (HID) lamps and some neon lighting lamps contain small amounts of mercury and are identified with the symbol .
- The new law covers all these mercury-containing lamps, including the “low mercury” lamps with green markings.
- If you choose not to follow these new rules, you may be subject to a fine of up to \$25,000 per violation per day by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Please visit www.lamprecycle.org for information and resources to help you recycle your lamps.

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