

# Environmental Health and Safety

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## CFL Recycling

Compact Fluorescent (CFL) Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes contain mercury, which can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled. Mercury can be harmful to both humans and wildlife. When Mercury gets into rivers and lakes it is highly toxic and one half-teaspoon of mercury can contaminate an average size lake for several hundred years where fish and wildlife can ingest it, passing it up the food chain. Currently, the EPA estimates that over 80% of CFLs end up in landfills. You can recycle your CFLs at an appropriate household hazardous waste facility or event.



Washington residents can take their CFLs to an authorized local collection site free of charge. Up to 10 CFLs may be accepted per individual on any given day.

For a complete list of authorized collection sites in Clark County visit the [Clark County A-Z Directory: Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes.](#)

### Resources:

[A-Z Recycling](#)

[Earth 911: CFL Recycling](#)

[EPA: Recycling and Disposal](#)

[Light Recycle Washington](#)

[Energy Trust of Oregon: CFLs](#)



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