



# Safe Disposal of Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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## YOUR GUIDE TO SAFE DISPOSAL OF FLOURESCENT BULBS 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.

**Calumet County residents can dispose of fluorescent bulbs at the locations listed below. For more options go to [www.focusonenergy.com/Residential/Lighting/cfl\\_recycling.aspx](http://www.focusonenergy.com/Residential/Lighting/cfl_recycling.aspx)**

Name and Location of Outlet	Type of Bulb(s) Accepted	
	Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs – curly bulbs)	Tube Fluorescent light bulbs
Batteries Plus or Bulbs Plus – any location <a href="http://www.batteriesplus.com/t-light-bulb-recycling.aspx">http://www.batteriesplus.com/t-light-bulb-recycling.aspx</a>	Yes, free	Yes, charge contact store for pricing
Farm & Home Ace Hardware, Chilton 920 849-9391	Yes \$1 per item	Yes \$1 per item
Home Depot – any location	Yes, free	No
Manitowoc Recycling Center, Bass Road, Manitowoc <a href="http://www.manitowocrecycles.org/electronics.htm">http://www.manitowocrecycles.org/electronics.htm</a>	Yes, charge	Yes, charge 4' or less=\$.30 5' or more=\$.40
New Holstein True Value 920-898-4864	Yes, free	No
New Holstein Utilities <a href="http://www.nhutilities.org/environment/default.asp?CategoryNumber=3">http://www.nhutilities.org/environment/default.asp?CategoryNumber=3</a>  Disposal only at spring and fall programs to recycle bulbs and other special materials	Yes, charge = \$.19 approx	Yes, charge 4' or less=\$.19 5' or more=\$.32
Outagamie County Department of Solid Waste, Appleton 920 832-5277 <a href="http://www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=1058">http://www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=1058</a>	CFL's = \$.50 each	Yes, charge 4' or less=\$.50 5' or more=\$1.00

### Keep in Mind

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 in your home, 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, see: [http://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)

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