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# Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) Disposal Information

It is unlawful for Californians to dispose of any lamps containing mercury in their regular solid waste trash. The lamps affected by this law include fluorescent (full size and compact), metal halide, sodium lamps, and mercury vapor lamps.



## Dispose of CFLs Properly

To help you adhere to the law, SDG&E® is providing the following recommended guidelines, as well as a list of resources for disposal when the time comes to replace your CFLs.

- Do not place lamps containing mercury into your blue solid waste recycling bin. Check with your local waste management agency or municipal government entity to find out where to take these items in your area.
- Prior to drop-off at city recycling centers, place the bulb in a sealed

plastic bag to reduce the risk of bulb breakage or contamination and to protect yourself from potential cuts.

- If your bulb breaks, your greatest risk is of being cut by broken glass. Handle it sensibly and sweep up all of the glass fragments. Don't vacuum, because that can disperse particles. Place the broken pieces in a plastic bag and wipe the area with a damp paper towel to pick up any stray shards of glass or powder. Continue to properly recycle broken lamps just as you would unbroken ones.

## Recycling Resources

CFL Recycling Locations:

IKEA  
2149 Fenton Parkway  
San Diego CA 92108

Home Depot  
20 locations within SDG&E's  
service territory  
<http://www.homedepot.com/ecoptions>

Today's new generation of CFLs have a less than 1-second warm-up time, are dimmable, are designed for specific uses, do not hum or flicker, and have improved lighting quality. Look for discounted ENERGY STAR® products with the SDG&E sticker. For a list of participating local retailers, visit [http://www.sdge.com/documents/residential/cfl\\_retailer.pdf](http://www.sdge.com/documents/residential/cfl_retailer.pdf)

Additional Resources and Information (continued)

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For additional information on facilities or collection events that accept CFLs for recycling, contact your local municipal government entity responsible for solid waste or household hazardous waste.

County of San Diego  
Household Hazardous Waste  
(877) 713-2784  
[www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/hazmat/uwaste.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/hazmat/uwaste.html)

City of Chula Vista  
Environmental Services  
(619) 691-5122  
[www.chulavistaca.gov/clean](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean)

City of San Diego Environmental Services  
(858) 694-7000  
[www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/disposal.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/disposal.shtml)

I Love a Clean San Diego  
[www.ilacsd.org](http://www.ilacsd.org)

Zero Waste California  
[www.zerowaste.ca.gov](http://www.zerowaste.ca.gov)

Association of Lighting  
and Mercury Recyclers  
[www.almr.org](http://www.almr.org)

Lamp Recycle  
[www.lamprecycle.org](http://www.lamprecycle.org)

Earth 911  
[www.Earth911.org](http://www.Earth911.org)

Mercury Information  
[www.earth911.org/mercury](http://www.earth911.org/mercury)

California Integrated  
Waste Management Board  
[www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WPIE/FluoresLamps/](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WPIE/FluoresLamps/)

ENERGY STAR Mercury and CFL fact sheet  
[www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change\\_light/downloads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_Mercury.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf)



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