

# Where can I take **fluorescent bulbs** ?

*We have some mercury containing fluorescent light bulbs and don't know what to do with them. Where can I take them?*

## Service Overview

Fluorescent bulbs of all shapes and sizes from households should be recycled to avoid polluting the environment and posing a health threat. Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within the glass but are perfectly safe to use – no mercury is released when the bulbs are in use. Simply be careful when removing or replacing a fluorescent bulb. If you recycle your compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), you will keep additional mercury out of the landfill and the atmosphere.

## Reduce Toxics

Consider replacing your CFL with a LED bulb which does not contain any mercury or toxic materials. LED bulbs last up to 10 times longer than a CFL or incandescent bulb and does not require warming up like a CFL. LED bulbs are becoming more common and prices are slowly going down.

## Recycle Bulbs

The Boulder County HMMF accepts used household fluorescent bulbs (compact fluorescents, fluorescent tubes, and high-intensity discharge bulbs used for exterior lighting) for recycling.

Look for 6-pack carriers at the HMMF for safe storage and convenient transportation of your CFL's.



**For disposal of hazardous waste, visit us at:**



**Hazardous Materials Management Facility**

**1901c 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Boulder**

**Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Closed: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & county holidays**

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