

CFLs AND FLUORESCENT TUBE BULBS



CFLs and fluorescent bulbs use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, last up to 10 times longer, and reduce your electric bill.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF THEM

CFLs and fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, a toxic element, and should NOT be put in the garbage or trash.

Take intact used bulbs to a Household Material Recovery Day, to a Home Depot or Lowe's which accepts them free of charge.

IF YOU BREAK THEM

If you break a CFL or fluorescent tube light bulb (or any other mercury-containing bulb), follow these recommendations from the NYS DEC:

Open a window or outside door and vacate the room for at least 15 minutes.

Using disposable rubber gloves, scoop up the fragments and powder with sturdy cardboard, wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or wet wipes, and dispose of all waste and cleaning supplies in a sealed plastic bag. Place that plastic bag along with the disposable rubber gloves into another plastic bag and seal it. Immediately place that bag in the garbage outside the house and wash your hands.