

RECYCLE



The residential recycling program for fluorescent lamps is offered to you by:

- Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative
- Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD)
- Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB)
- Lane County Dept. of Public Works, Waste Management Division
- Lane Electric Cooperative
- Springfield Utility Board (SUB)



Why fluorescents?

The Energy Independence and Security Act was signed into law in 2007, mandating a phasing out of inefficient lighting starting in 2012. By 2014, all lamps must be 30% more efficient than today's incandescent lamps. Experts agree that given a choice between fluorescent lamps and ordinary incandescent lamps, fluorescents are much better for you and the environment. When buying lamps, choose CFLs with the ENERGY STAR® rating because these lamps meet higher standards for energy use, start and warm-up time, brightness, and lamp life.



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Recycle Your Old Fluorescent Lamps

Garbage cans and landfills are not the best place to dispose of used fluorescent lamps

Recycle your burned out fluorescents

Due to a small amount of mercury in fluorescent lamps and linear tubes, these items should be recycled rather than thrown in the trash. For further information about recycling fluorescent lamps visit www.epa.gov/mercury.

Lane County Waste Management and local electric utilities in the Eugene–Springfield area have teamed up with local retailers to create a convenient residential recycling program for spent compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and linear fluorescent tubes (4 ft. MAXIMUM).

Why recycle?

Fluorescent lamps (some people still call these “bulbs”, but lamp is the correct term. Just remember that bulbs go in your garden...) contain a small amount of mercury—an average of 4 milligrams of mercury is sealed within the glass tubing, which makes the lamp incredibly efficient.

The tiny amount of mercury in fluorescent lamps is safe for home use and poses no health risk while these lamps are in use. However, we are working to prevent large accumulations of mercury from entering landfills, being released from lamps, and polluting the environment.

Where can I recycle old fluorescent lamps?

Eugene

Aqua Serene

2836 W. 11th Avenue

Brighter Homes Lighting

1968 W. 6th Avenue

Emerald People’s Utility District (EPUD)

33733 Seavey Loop Road

Emerald Valley Gardens

88680 McVay Highway
(near Lane Community College)

Eugene True Value Hardware

2825 Willamette Street

Greater Goods

515 High Street

Heinke Electrical and Lighting

645 Adams Street

Jerry’s Home Improvement Center

2600 Highway 99 N.

The Green Store

500 Olive Street

Springfield

Greener Side of Life

623 W Centennial Boulevard

Jerry’s Home Improvement Center

2525 Olympic Street

Oregon’s Constant Gardener

2053 Laura Street

Other Lane County Locations

B and I True Value Hardware

120 W. 6th Avenue, **Junction City**

Cascade Home Center

49 S. 6th Street, **Cottage Grove**
104 S. Mill Street, **Creswell**

Florence True Value Hardware

1750 Hwy 126, **Florence**

Handling broken fluorescent lamps

If a lamp breaks, carefully clean up the glass fragments and phosphor powder using a piece of stiff paper so your fingers are not in contact with the broken pieces. Place the broken pieces in a plastic bag and use a damp paper towel or sticky tape to pick up any stray shards of glass or fine particles. Then place everything in the bag with the remains of the lamp.

Deliver the bag with the broken lamp to the Lane County transfer Station in Glenwood, which is located at 3100 17th Ave.

For more information about recycling fluorescent lamps and other household hazardous waste, call Lane County’s Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division at **541-682-3111**. **Disposal appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday 8am -5pm.**

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