



All mercury-added products, including fluorescent tubes and CFLs, are now prohibited by law from being disposed in the trash. (MGL Ch 21H, sec 6)

All Home Depot , Lowe's, IKEA, Whole Foods stores and other hardware stores accept CFLs for recycling. Some of their staff may not be aware of this yet.

RecycleBulb maintains a searchable list of locations across the US that accept consumers' CFLs for recycling.

The Green Action Project is a new program that allows non-profit, school and community organizations to offer free, convenient, environmentally safe CFL recycling at no charge to their community, event attendees or students.

Handle CFLs by their base to avoid breakage. Occasional broken bulbs may go in the trash. CFLs each contain about 4 milligrams (mgs) of mercury, far less than the amount emitted from a coal burning power plant to light an equivalent incandescent bulb. (A fever thermometer contains about 1000 mgs.) If one CFL breaks, don't panic.