

## WHAT IF I CAN'T RECYCLE?

Businesses can not dispose of fluorescent lamps in the trash. This is considered hazardous waste.

Residents are encouraged to recycle their lamps at Richland County Solid Waste. Each bulb costs only \$.50 to recycle and each tube up to 4 feet costs \$1.00 (tubes longer than 4 feet are an additional \$.25 per foot.).



Check out Earth911.com and the Ohio EPA websites for proper disposal: <https://epa.ohio.gov/derr/hazwaste/>

## WHY IS RECYCLING CFL'S IMPORTANT?

- Recycling prevents the release of mercury into the environment.
- It allows the reuse of glass, metal and other materials that make up fluorescent lights.

## HOW AND WHERE CAN I RECYCLE CFL'S?

1. Contact your local Solid Waste Agency.
2. Local Retailers: Many hardware supply stores and other retailers offer in-store recycling - Just ask!
3. Find out about mail-back services.
4. Search Earth 911.com to help you in locating a retailer who recycles

**Please call your Retailer before you go to turn in your fluorescent bulbs.**

## FLUORESCENT BULB RECYCLING

**Richland County Solid Waste  
1125 National Parkway  
Mansfield, Ohio 44906**



**419-774-5861**

[www.richlandrecycles.com](http://www.richlandrecycles.com)

## HOW DO I CLEAN UP A BROKEN CFL?

<https://www.epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl>

People and pets should leave the room, and avoid the breakage area on the way out.

1. Open a window or door to the outdoors and leave the room for 5-10 minutes.
2. Shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning (HVAC) system, if you have one.

To clean up the breakage, DO NOT VACUUM. Scoop up the glass and any powder with stiff paper or cardboard.

- Use sticky tape (e.g., duct tape) to pick up any residue not scooped up. Damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes (for hard surfaces) may be used too.
- Place all breakage and cleaning materials into a glass jar with a metal lid (such as a canning jar) or a sealable plastic bag(s).

## "FOR RESIDENTS ONLY"

### **HOW AND WHERE CAN I RECYCLE CFL'S BULBS/TUBES?**

- Contact your local retailers to see if they offer in-store recycling, such as Home Depot, Menards, Lowe's and Ace Hardware. Check directly with the store before you go. Not all stores in regional or nationwide chains may be equipped to recycle CFL's.
- Richland County Solid Waste will recycle CFL Bulbs and Tubes for a small fee.
- Call your Electric Company and see if they offer a recycling program.

Find out about mail-back services. Some bulb manufacturers and other organizations sell pre-labeled recycling kits that allow you to mail used bulbs to recycling centers. The cost of each kit includes shipping charges to the recycling center.

## WHERE DO I DISPOSE OF BROKEN CFL'S

If your state or local environmental regulatory agency permits you to put **broken CFL'S** in the regular household trash, seal the bulb in a plastic bag and put it into the outside trash for the next trash collection.

For more information, refer to the following website: <https://epa.ohio.gov/derr/hazwaste/FluorescentLamps>

Some examples of Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes

