



LIGHT BULB RECYCLING

CFL Bulbs/ Fluorescent Tubes Residential Recycling Program

FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

Richland County Solid Waste is now accepting CFL Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes from **residential customers only** (from all counties).

FLUORESCENT BULBS/TUBES

-\$1.00 EACH

Over 4 Foot Fluorescent Tubes-\$.25 PER FOOT

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U.S. EPA's Guidelines for Cleaning Up a Broken CFL

1.

Open a window and leave the room (restrict access) for at least 15 minutes. If you have fans, place the fans in the windows and blow the air out of the room. Note: If the room has no windows, open all doors to the room and windows outside the room and use fans to move the air out of the room and to the open windows.

2. **Remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner.**

- Wear disposable rubber gloves, if available (do not use your bare hands).
- Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard.
- Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or disposable wet wipe.
- Sticky tape (such as duct tape) can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.

3. **Place all cleanup materials in a plastic bag and seal it, and then place in a second sealed bag.**

- If no other disposal or recycling options are available, private residents may dispose of the CFL in residential garbage. Be sure to seal the CFL in two plastic bags and put into the outside trash.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the bags.

4.

The first time you vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag once done cleaning the area (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag and/or vacuum debris, as well as the cleaning materials, in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor trash or protected outdoor location for normal disposal.

