

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB (CFLs) and MERCURY RECYCLING

Why should people use CFLs?

Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFLs is an effective, accessible change every American can make right now to reduce energy use at home and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change. Lighting accounts for close to 20% of the average home's electric bill. ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs use up to 75% less energy than incandescent light bulbs, last up to 10 times longer, cost little up front, and provide a quick return on investment.

If every home in America replaced just one incandescent bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified CFL, in one year it would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of more than 800,000 cars.

Things to know

- CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing – an average of 5 milligrams – about the amount that would cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.
- You should take precautions when using CFLs
- CFLs must be disposed of properly (not included in curbside pick-up)

For FAQ's on CFLs and Mercury, visit www.energystar.gov

For more information about CFLs, visit www.energystar.gov/cfls

The Township Municipal Building is accepting residential CFLs on a first come first serve basis for Township Residents only (ID may be requested) during Municipal office hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. The approved container provided to the Township on a trial basis only holds between 75 to 100 residential bulbs. Depending on the outcome of this trial, the Township may offer this service again next year.

For more information please call the Recycling Coordinator at (610) 866-1140 ext. 223.

