

Fluorescent Light Bulb & Mercury Disposal

FYI: Install the new energy saving light bulbs in an upright position. Do not install in any type of overhead fixture such as ceiling fans.

Compact fluorescent bulbs still contain Mercury (not as much as the fluorescent tubes) enough to harm the environment and people. To properly dispose of anything containing Mercury, please read and follow the disposal guidelines:

How should I clean up any broken fluorescent bulb or Mercury?

EPA recommends the following clean-up and disposal guidelines:

- Try to wear disposable gloves.
- Before clean-up vent the room.
- Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.

Clean –up steps for hard surfaces:

- Carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a glass jar with a metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or disposable web wipes and place them in the glass jar or plastic bag.
- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on the hard surfaces.

Clean-up steps for carpeting or rug:

- Carefully pick up glass fragments and place them in a glass jar with a metal lid (such as a canning jar) or in a sealed plastic bag.
- Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.

Disposal of clean-up materials:

- Immediately place all clean-up materials in a sealed plastic bag and place outside the building.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the jars or plastic bags containing clean-up materials.
- Bring materials to the Transfer Station and notify attendant.

Thank you for visiting us online and thank you in advance for your co-operation. This will insure that we will continue to have this valuable convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the Town Manager or email him at townmanager@berwickmaine.org.

“Scavenging” or “Dump Picking” is NOT Allowed