



# RECYCLE Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs)



**All Home Depot and Lowe's stores have CFL recycling units to collect bulbs for free recycling. Customers can bring in expired, unbroken CFL bulbs (not the long tubes), place them in a plastic bag and deposit them into a collection unit usually found by the entrance, by the returns desk or near the exit doors inside the store. Many store recycling centers allow customers to also recycle rechargeable batteries, CFLs, cell phones and plastic shopping bags in one centralized location.**

**It is illegal to put CFLs in your trash because the bulbs contain mercury.**

Switching from traditional light bulbs to CFLs is an easy change consumers can make to reduce energy use at home. According to the EPA's ENERGY STAR® program, if every American switched out one incandescent bulb to a CFL, it would prevent more than 600 million in annual energy costs and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from 800,000 cars.