



Selling Fluorescent Lamps

Guidance for Minnesota retailers, commercial sellers, and contractors

Fluorescent lamps include all sizes and shapes of lamps that produce light by electrifying mercury vapor in a glass tube. They are sold in straight tubes, circles, coils, and other shapes. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are a type of fluorescent lamp.

All fluorescent lamps, including CFLs and tubes with so-called 'green tips', contain mercury and must be recycled after use in Minnesota. They may not be broken or placed into the normal trash.

Are you a retailer, commercial seller, or contractor of fluorescent lamps?

You are a *retailer* if you sell fluorescent lamps to citizens or incidentally to businesses for their use.

You are a *commercial seller* if you sell fluorescent lamps specifically to industrial, commercial, office, or multiunit residential building owners or managers, or to lighting installation or replacement contractors.

You are a *contractor* if you replace or remove fluorescent lamps for the owners or managers of industrial, commercial, office, or multiunit residential building or outdoor lighting systems.

Retailer requirements

Post either the sign attached to this fact sheet or your own notice.

If you post your own notice, it may be any size, color, or shape, but must contain the following text in at least 36-point type:

"Fluorescent bulbs save energy and reduce environmental pollution. Note: Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and must be recycled at the end of their use. Contact your county or utility for recycling options."

You may add promotional or other language to the notice. You may also, but are not required to, add the location or contact information for a local collection site if you do not collect spent lamps yourself.

You are not required to accept spent fluorescent lamps back from customers or the public for recycling, however if you do, manage them as a universal waste. See MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-62, [Managing Universal Wastes](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw4-62.pdf), at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw4-62.pdf>.

Commercial seller requirements

Include a statement on all invoices for lamps or in a separate document provided to the purchaser. The statement must declare that the fluorescent lamps you are selling contain mercury, a hazardous substance regulated by federal or state law, and that the lamps may not be placed into solid waste.

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Contractor requirements

Notify in writing the property or equipment owner or manager who hired you that the lamps being removed contain mercury and describe your plan for how the lamps will be recycled.

You are jointly responsible with the person who hired you to properly collect and recycle the removed fluorescent lamps. Manage removed fluorescent lamps as a universal waste. See MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-62, [Managing Universal Wastes](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw4-62.pdf), at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw4-62.pdf>.

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Statutes, Chapters §115A, §116 and §325E, and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7045. To review the Minnesota Statutes and Rules, visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs>.

For more information, contact your metropolitan county hazardous waste office or your nearest MPCA regional staff. For information about waste reduction, contact the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP). The MPCA's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) can provide you with free, confidential, non-enforcement compliance assistance.

Metro County Hazardous Waste Offices

Anoka	763-422-7093
Carver	952-361-1800
Dakota	952-891-7557
Hennepin.....	612-348-3777
Ramsey.....	651-266-1199
Scott	952-496-8475
Washington.....	651-430-6655
Websites.....	http://www.co.[county].mn.us

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Toll free	1-800-247-0015
Metro	612-624-1300
Website	http://www.mntap.umn.edu

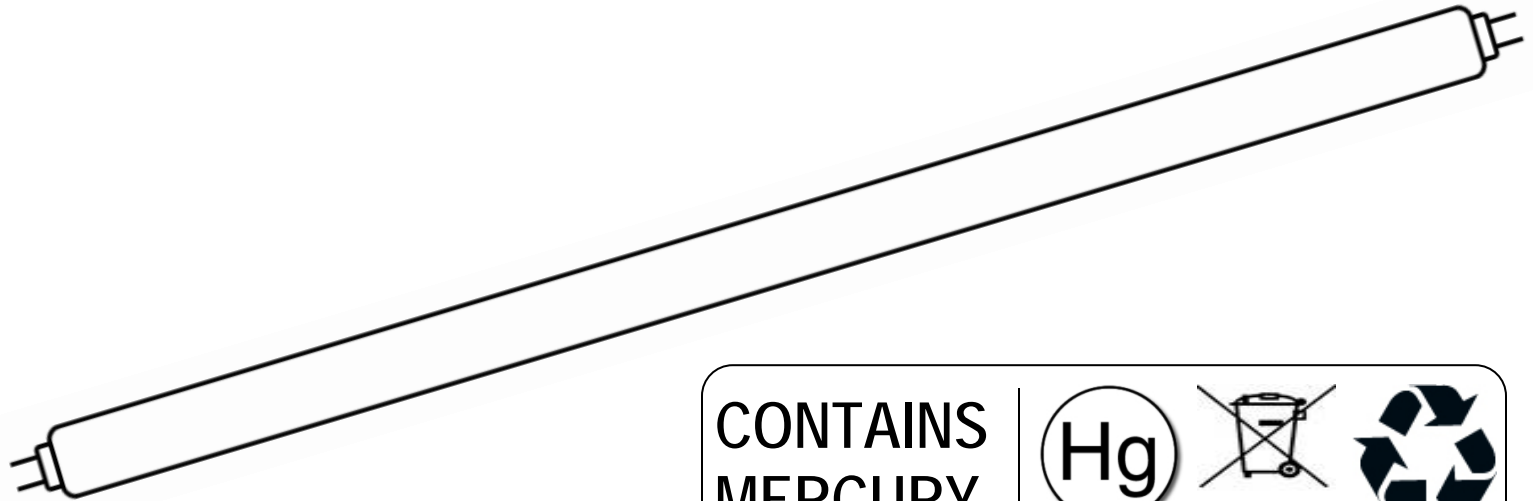
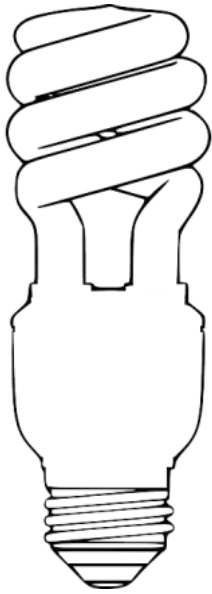
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Toll free (all offices)	1-800-657-3864
Brainerd	218-828-2492
Detroit Lakes.....	218-847-1519
Duluth	218-723-4660
Mankato.....	507-389-5977
Marshall	507-537-7146
Rochester	507-285-7343
St. Paul	651-296-6300
Willmar	320-214-3786
Website.....	http://www.pca.state.mn.us

Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

Toll free.....	1-800-657-3938
Metro.....	651-282-6143
Website....	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sbeap/

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