



Recycling Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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The increased use of fluorescent lighting saves energy and our environment. Fluorescent light bulbs use 75% less power than comparable standard bulbs and last six times longer. The proper disposal of burnedout bulbs is critical because they contain very small amounts of mercury. While they are not legally considered home hazardous waste, we encourage everyone to dispose of them safely by using the recycle bins located in each community.

Burned-out fluorescent bulbs are recycled. Recycling reclaims the mercury and keeps it from escaping into our environment. Residents and Team Members should carefully put the depleted fluorescent bulbs into the white plastic buckets placed in all recycling rooms and maintenance shops. Handle bulbs with care to avoid breakage. In the event of a broken fluorescent bulb, precautions should be taken to clean it up carefully.

