

Fluorescent Bulb *And* Ballast Recycling

Mercury is a highly poisonous element that may reach human beings by many different paths. Fluorescent lamps, HID bulbs, and neon lighting all contain very small amounts of mercury. The millions of these lamps that wear out each year could create a serious health hazard if their mercury content were allowed to contaminate the ground and/or water.

To ensure that spent lamps are handled properly and that the mercury and other materials in them are recycled, the Lorain County Collection Center will accept all spent mercury-bearing bulbs. All materials collected will be completely recycled. Ballasts are accepted because they contain recyclable metals and because some older versions may contain PCB's, another class of hazardous chemicals.

The Following May Be Brought In For Recycling

Straight fluorescent tubes (all lengths)	U-shaped, circular, and odd-shaped lamps
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL)	High intensity discharge (HID) Bulbs -HPS, MH & MV Bulbs
Neon lights and signs (tubing only)	Ballasts & transformers from all fluorescent light fixtures

Packaging and Transportation Notes

Residents: To prevent breakage, DO NOT put other items such as ballasts, aerosol cans, etc. in the same box as the lamps.

Businesses: Lamps are best transported in the box that they were originally packaged in. Remove all internal separators and packaging. Then tape the end shut when the box is full.

If you need boxes or other containers, please ask at the collection center. All sizes and types are available for free. Boxes should not be excessively torn, broken or wet. Each box should be full and sealed at both ends. Different length tubes should not be mixed in the same box. Tubes should not extend beyond the box end. Partially-filled boxes should be held at your location until full.

HID Lamps, U-Tubes, Circular Lamps, and Compact Fluorescents may or may not be in their original packaging, and are best delivered in cardboard cartons of a size that can be easily lifted.

Boxes should be labeled with the quantity and the words "Universal Waste" - a classification developed by the federal and state Environmental Protection Agencies to designate material that has some characteristics, but not all, of a material that is classified as "Hazardous Waste".

**Businesses bringing more than 500 lamps on any one day should call at least a day in advance to pre-register: 1-800-449-5463.
The center is open Mon & Wed 12pm-6pm and Sat 9am-6pm.
located at 540 South Abbe Rd, Elyria.**

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Solid Waste Management District

A Department of the Lorain County Commissioners

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