

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: BUSINESSES Fluorescent bulbs and tubes

Potential Hazards: Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain mercury.

Recycle/Reuse: Businesses who have unwanted, usable, unbroken CFL's or fluorescent tubes are encouraged to donate to any charity organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Proper Disposal: *It is illegal for businesses to dispose of fluorescent tubes or bulbs in the trash or at transfer stations.* Businesses may take them to the local Regional Collection Center for a small fee, provided the business is a EPA classified VSQG or Very Small Quantity Generator. Businesses that take bulbs and tubes to a Regional Collection Center are encouraged to place them in a sturdy cardboard box or wrap them in a plastic bag. Although the Regional Collection Center will also accept broken bulbs and tubes if they are in a sealed plastic bag, it is preferred that these bulbs and tubes be brought to the Regional Collection Center whole, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

LED lights or **L**ight **E**mitting **D**iodes are becoming more available and do not contain mercury. They may contain Lead and Arsenic, and need to be disposed of properly.