

An example of a retail collection program: CFL Recycling

Compact Florescent Lamps are beginning to replace conventional bulbs because they last longer and use less energy. These light bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, however, so they cannot be simply thrown in household garbage. Several major hardware stores have established free recycling programs for their customers. These retailers pay for the costs of collection, transportation and recycling of CFLS.



- When CFLs are safely collected and recycled the materials can be reclaimed.
- Most importantly, by keeping used bulbs out of the trash these retailers are helping prevent heavy metals from being released into our drinking water and soils.