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## Disposal of Fluorescent Light Bulbs

This guidance document has been produced by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) to provide information on the disposal of fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent lamps, also known as CFLs.

Households can dispose of fluorescent light tubes and CFLs in a permitted Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill.

Businesses that generate fluorescent light tubes and CFLs that do not contain mercury can dispose of them in a permitted MSW landfill. Fluorescent light tubes and CFLs that contain mercury but do not test as hazardous for mercury can also be disposed of in a permitted MSW landfill.

Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQGs) that generate fluorescent tubes and CFLs that are *determined to be a hazardous waste* due to their mercury content can dispose of them in a permitted MSW landfill in quantities up to 19.5 kg (43 lbs.) per day.

Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) and Large Quantity Generators (LQGs) that generate fluorescent tubes and CFLs that are *determined to be a hazardous waste* due to their mercury content are not allowed to dispose of any quantity of these wastes at a permitted MSW landfill.

Check with your local MSW landfill, waste handler, or local health department prior to disposal, as local city or county ordinances may be more stringent.

### **RESOURCES:**

- DWEE Home Page <https://dwee.nebraska.gov/>

### **Contacts:**

- DWEE Main Number (402) 471-2186
- DWEE Toll Free Number (877) 253-2603
- DWEE Hazardous Waste Compliance Assistant (402) 471-8308
- Email questions to: [DWEE.moreinfo@nebraska.gov](mailto:DWEE.moreinfo@nebraska.gov)

## DWEE Publications:

- [Title 128 – Nebraska Hazardous Waste Regulations](#)
  - [Title 132 – Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations](#)
- Titles are available on the DWEE website by clicking “Visit Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (DEE),” selecting “Resources and Services,” “Laws & Regulations,” and “Rules & Regulations.”*

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