

# CFL Use & Disposal

## To switch or not to switch... It's not even a question!

The energy savings and pollution prevention associate with CFLs far outweighs the energy consumption and pollution generation associated with keeping an incandescent bulb in place.

### Where can I get them for my room/office?

CFLs and LEDs are available from any vendor that sells incandescent light bulbs. For large/bulk orders, check with Facilities Services or Purchasing in the Materials Management Department.

*Office Depot offers the following light bulbs:*

- Satco CFL T2 13W (60W) - #745156
- Verbatim LED A19 11.5W (60W) - #543070

*Staples offers the following light bulbs:*

- Bulbrite CFL T2 13W (60W) - # 2244602
- Bulbrite LED A19 9.5W (60W) - #2244219

### What about mercury?

CFL bulbs contain an extremely small amount of mercury; a ball the size of a pen point.

The electricity needed to run an incandescent bulb produces nearly 4 times more mercury than a CFL.

### What if one breaks?

1. Don't touch it.
2. Sweep the pieces together with a brush or broom.
3. Clean up glass with a wet rag or towel.
4. Place the rag or towel, along with the broken pieces, into a sealed plastic bag.
5. Contact Environmental Health & Safety by phone at 328-6166 or via email to [safety@ecu.edu](mailto:safety@ecu.edu) for pick-up.

### How would I properly dispose of an intact CFL in the future?

CFLs are not to be thrown in the trash. To find or get a collection bin setup in your office, contact Environmental Health & Safety by phone at 328-6166 or via email to [safety@ecu.edu](mailto:safety@ecu.edu).



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