

# LIGHT BULB RECYCLING

Many light bulbs contain trace amounts of mercury and other hazardous material that must be handled properly before being recycled. There are many drop-off and mail-in options to recycle and dispose of various household light bulbs. **No light bulbs are accepted in curbside recycling.**

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

	HHW at Alpha Ridge Landfill*	Home Depot	IKEA	Lowe's	Batteries Plus	Household Trash
CFL bulbs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CFL tubes	✓		✓		✓	
LED bulbs	✓				✓	
Halogen bulbs					✓	✓
Incandescent bulbs					✓	✓

\*Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, HHW open to Howard County residents. Open only on Saturdays, April-November.

CFLs (bulbs & tubes)*		Commonly used bulbs and tubes that use less energy than incandescent. Contains trace amounts of mercury and should not be disposed in household trash. Care should be taken to avoid breakage.
LED		Long lasting and very energy efficient! LED bulbs use less energy than CFLs and incandescent bulbs. Glass, metal and plastic can be readily recycled.
Halogen		Made from thicker glass and less prone to breakage. Some recycling options do exist, but these bulbs can also be set out in household trash. Wrap bulb before disposal.
Incandescent		Some recycling options do exist, but these bulbs can also be set out in household trash. Wrap bulb before disposal.

\*contain trace amounts of mercury

## Broken bulbs?

CFLs and tubes contain trace amounts of mercury sealed in glass tubing. It is important to secure these bulbs, especially before recycling and disposal. In the event that a CFL breaks, please follow proper cleanup procedures. For bulbs that do not contain mercury (incandescent, LED, etc.) please be sure to wrap bulbs before disposal to protect collection staff.

### OTHER RESOURCES

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) | US EPA  
 Earth911 - More Ideas, Less Waste  
 Lamp Recycle – Environmental Responsibility Starts Here

**NOTE: Howard County does not endorse independent programs or retailers.**



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