



What to do if your Compact Fluoro Light breaks

Fluorescent light bulbs contain a very small amount of toxic mercury sealed within the glass tubing.

If one breaks:

1. Open windows and leave the room for 15 minutes
2. Wearing rubber gloves, sweep up (don't vacuum) the broken material.
If small pieces are in the carpet, use a damp cloth or sticky tape to pick them up.
3. Put the pieces into a plastic container or sealed plastic bag.
4. Wash your hands and face. If clothing you are wearing or other material comes in contact with broken material, discard this material if possible. Otherwise, hand-wash (don't use the washing machine) with soap and water.
5. Place all cleanup materials in a plastic bag and seal it. Take the sealed broken bulb to be recycled (see list below of places that accept bulbs for recycling). **DO NOT** put broken bulbs in domestic rubbish bins. Wash your hands after disposing of the bag.
6. The first time you vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag once done cleaning the area (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag and/or vacuum debris, as well as the cleaning materials, in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor rubbish bin or protected outdoor location for normal disposal.



Where can I recycle my fluorescent light bulbs?



Lights 'N' Lamps - 41 Victoria Street, Hobart (03) 6234 8066
Collects compact fluorescent lamps for recycling (by CMA).
The recycling program is for residents of Hobart and small businesses that operate in the Hobart CBD.

Sustainable Living Tasmania - 1st floor, 71 Murray Street, Hobart (03) 6234 5566. We collect compact fluorescent light globes for recycling (by CMA).

CMA Recycling - 2 Ready Street, Burnie (03) 6234 7000
Collects and recycles compact fluorescent globes.