

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

Staples offers the following desk light options:

- _____ 60W - # _____
- _____ 26W - # _____
- _____ 25W - # _____
- _____ 15W - # _____

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 the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling (OWRR) for pick-up (contact info provided below).

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 the OWRR by phone at 336-334-5192 or via email to bakunka@uncg.edu.



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