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Lamp Care Guide

Lamp Storage

The lamps must be stored in a box or container. **Do not store the lamps in the open unprotected.** It's always best to store the used lamps back in same box after removing the box dividers. The lamp storage areas are recommended to be low traffic areas. The tall boxes should be supported or strapped for safety.

How to Clean Up Broken Lamps and Tubes

For small quantity breakages, **do not use a standard vacuum cleaner!** Do not use ordinary residential and commercial floor vacuums, floor vacuums that trap dirt with water, or wet/dry shop vacuums. (For vacuum cleaning, only vacuums designed specifically for hazardous waste may be used.)

Instead of vacuuming, wear latex gloves and carefully clean up the fragments. Wipe the area with a damp disposable paper towel to remove all glass fragments and associated mercury.

Keep all people and pets away from area so that mercury-containing pieces and powder are not tracked into other areas.

Keep the area well ventilated to disperse any vapor than may escape.

After clean up is complete, place all fragments along with cleaning materials into a sealable plastic bag. Wash your hands. Recycle along with intact lamps.

Do Not Break Fluorescent Lamps or Tubes

Package Fluorescent lamps and tubes carefully when storing and transporting them. Do not tape tubes together. Store and transport fluorescent lamps and tubes in the original box or another protective container.

Store them in an area away from rain so that if they break, the mercury from broken lamps or tubes will not be washed by rain water into waterways

All Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes Should Be Recycled or Disposed as Hazardous Waste

All fluorescent lamps and tubes are considered hazardous waste in California when they are discarded because they contain [mercury](#). (Title 22, division 4.5, chapter 11, section 66261.50) This includes:

All Fluorescent lamps and tubes:

All High Intensity Discharge (HID) Lamps:

All fluorescent lamps and tubes must be recycled, or a universal waste handler (e.g., storage facility or broker), or an authorized recycling facility. (Title 22, division 4.5, chapter 23, section 66273.8) (The law requiring that fluorescent lamps be recycled, a universal waste handler, or an authorized recycling facility has been in effect since February 9, 2006.)

This site has disposal records on file at Electrical Systems of CA

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