

# **Project Light Change Muskegon County**

## **Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Recycling Guide**

CFL bulbs are becoming more common among consumers and while these bulbs are far more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs they do contain small amounts of elemental mercury. Mercury is known to be a health hazard so the proper disposal of all used CFL bulbs becomes more important and can be prevented through increased awareness and recycling availability.

Where to take your used CFL bulbs?

### **Home Depot**

2699 Henry Street  
Roosevelt Park, MI 49441  
(231) 755-0440

### **Muskegon County Health Department**

209 Apple Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49442  
(231) 724-6246

### **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality**

Waste & Hazardous Materials Division  
(800) 662-9278

How to clean up a broken CFL bulb in your home?

CFL bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and should be disposed of properly.

- Remove all materials you can without a vacuum cleaner.
- Wear rubber gloves and use sticky tape for the pieces and powder.
- Wipe area clean with a damp cloth.
- Place all clean up materials in a plastic bag and seal it.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the bag.
- Replace any vacuum bag that was used in cleaning the area of broken bulb.

EPA's guide for cleaning a broken CFL bulb:

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm>