

So you have burnt out light bulbs. Now what?



If you have these, you can dispose of them with your regular household garbage



If you have these



or these

DO NOT throw them in your garbage!!

WHY?

Compact fluorescent lamps (cfl) and fluorescent tubes contain mercury and must be disposed of properly.

Mercury Facts

- Mercury is a naturally occurring element that is found in air, water and soil.
- Exposure to mercury – even small amounts – may cause serious health problems, and is a threat to the development of children.
- Mercury may have toxic effects on the nervous, digestive and immune systems, and on lungs, kidneys, skin and eyes.
- Inhalation of mercury vapour can produce harmful effects as listed above and may be fatal.

(Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Media Centre – Mercury and Health [Internet]. 2014 [cited 24 November 2014]. Available from: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheet/fs361/en>)

The Good News!!

The Vegreville Materials Recovery Facility (VMRF) has a new piece of equipment that can safely separate the gas (mercury vapor), glass and metals for recycling! It's the right thing to do!

To help recover the cost of properly disposing of the mercury collected, the Town of Vegreville is charging non-residential users \$1.00 per bulb. There will be no charge to process bulbs that come from your home.