Fluorescent Lighting and Mercury Thermostats

NC Landfill Ban ~ Effective July 1, 2011

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill 1766

Main provisions include:

~Fluorescent lighting and mercury thermostats are banned from disposal in unlined construction and demolition landfills (and any other landfill that is unlined).

~All contractors or the owner of a building or structure to be demolished shall remove all fluorescent lighting and mercury thermostats prior to demolition.

~State agencies and local governments are required to establish a program to recycle fluorescent lighting and mercury thermostats for their facilities.
Entities affected include: State Agencies, Community Colleges, Universities, Public Schools or any political subdivision using state funding for the construction and operation of public buildings.

This law became effective July 1, 2011.

Contact the N.C. Division of Waste Management at (919) 508-8546 with questions related to the regulatory status of fluorescent lamps.

For more information please visit the NCDENR website:
p2pays.org/bannedmaterials/index.asp

NCDENR strongly encourages recycling all lamps containing mercury.

North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance
1639 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1639 (919)715-6500 (800)763-0136

Helpful information listed on reverse side

Information to assist with recycling
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General Information for Businesses
To properly dispose of spent fluorescent lighting and mercury thermostats you may contact a vendor provided at the link below.

The NC Markets Directory compiles North Carolina recycling vendor information:
www.p2pays.org/DMRM/start.aspx

Thermostat Recycling Corporation
www.thermostat-recycle.org/pages/sign-up

List of Local Vendors
Bryant Supply, Hickory - 828-328-2295
Grainger Industrial Supply, Hickory – 828-322-6614
Ecotech Inc, Denver - 704-489-8703
STAT, Inc, Hudson - 828-396-2304
IBS Environmental Services Inc, Lenoir - 828-396-4319

For more information, NC DENR webpage: www.p2pays.org/Fluorescent/index.asp

See a copy of H1766 at: www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H1766v8.pdf

If you currently work with a fluorescent lighting or mercury thermostat vendor or manufacturer, contact them to see if they provide a take back program.

General Information for Residents
Residents may dispose of fluorescent lighting and mercury thermostats at the County's Household Hazardous Waste Events. Events are free of charge for the residents of Catawba County. Business waste is not accepted. For more information about the events visit the Utilities and Engineering Dept website at www.catawbacountync.gov/UE/hhwmain.asp

Home Depot and Lowes Stores - Check the telephone directory for a location near you. Programs are limited to compact fluorescent light bulbs only, tubes are not accepted.

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