

# 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](http://p2pays.org/bannedmaterials/index.asp)

*NCDENR strongly encourages recycling all lamps containing mercury.*



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***Recycling information listed on reverse side***

## **Information to assist with recycling Fluorescent Lighting and Mercury Thermostats**

### **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](http://www.p2pays.org/DMRM/start.aspx)

Thermostat Recycling Corporation  
[www.thermostat-recycle.org/pages/sign-up](http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/pages/sign-up)

### List of Local Vendors

Bryant Supply, Hickory - 828-328-2295  
Gateway Lighting, Hickory - 828-325-5802  
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](http://www.p2pays.org/Fluorescent/index.asp)

See a copy of H1766 at: [www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/Bills/House/PDF/H1766v8.pdf](http://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 with local vendors listed above or at the County's Household Hazardous Waste Events. Collection 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](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/UE/hhwmain.asp)

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

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