

Fluorescent Lighting and Mercury Thermostats Banned from disposal in NC Landfills (Effective July 1, 2011)

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality



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.

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

Contact the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance at (919) 707-8100 with questions related to the regulatory status of fluorescent lamps.

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) 707-8100



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 at www.p2pays.org/DMRM/start.aspx

List of local vendors in the Catawba County area

Bryant Supply, Hickory - 828-328-2295 (accept from businesses only)

Gateway Lighting, Hickory - 828-325-5802

Ecotech Inc, Denver - 704-489-8703

Heritage Environmental Services, Inc, Charlotte—828-707-2470

STAT, Inc, Hudson - 828-396-2304

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

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

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

For more information on banned materials please visit the NCDENR website:

<http://deq.nc.gov/conservation/recycling/banned-materials>

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