

CFL Use & Disposal



Switch now or later?

The energy savings and pollution prevention associated with CFLs far outweighs the energy and pollution associated with keeping an incandescent bulb in.

Where can I get them for my office?

CFLs are available from virtually any vendor that sells regular bulbs.

OfficeMax offers the following desk light options:

- General Electric 15W: # K441520
- General Electric 26W: # K415517
- Supreme Lighting 15W: # K426162
- Supreme Lighting 25W: # K426154

What about mercury?

CFL bulbs contain an extremely small amount of mercury; a ball the size of a pen point. The electricity needed to run a regular bulb produces nearly 4 times more mercury than a CFL.

What if one breaks?

1. Don't touch it.
2. Sweep the pieces together with a brush or broom.
3. Clean up glass with a wet rag or towel.
4. Place the towel, along with the pieces, into a sealed plastic bag.
5. Contact operations for pick-up.

How would I properly dispose of a whole CFL in the future?

CFLs are not to be thrown in the trash. To find or get a collection bin set up in your office, contact operations.

