Comparing CFL Clean-up Advice

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# What is our goal?

Identical advice?

Consistent advice?

Similar advice?

#### What do we care about?

**General advice? Recommendations for ventilation?** Materials needed for clean up? Protective clothing? Container for broken materials? Advice for carpeting vs hard floors? **Disposal of broken materials?** Misc. additional information

#### **Ventilation Information**

Open window for 15 minutes EPA, CT,

Weather permitting, open windows, ventilate until room completely aired out VT

Open window lower room temperature MA, NH

Ventilate room raise air temperature RI

#### **Clearing Impacted Area**

Keep people and pets away ME, VT, MA, RI

Isolate area (until cleaned up) NH

Leave room at least 15 minutes CT

Leave the room for a couple of hours RI



## **Protective Clothing**

Rubber gloves (do not use bare hands) EPA, CT, VT, MA

Protective clothing (gloves, safety glasses, old clothing, dust mask) *ME* 

Latex or nitrile gloves NH

No mention of gloves RI



## **Materials for Cleaning**

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Damp towels/wet wipes, ALL  $(3^{*} \times 5^{*})$ Stiff paper EPA, ME, MA, RI, VT Sticky Tape EPA, ME, VT, CT, NH, RI Disposable broom ME, NH, RI Dustpan ME, NH Tweezers VT Eye dropper MA No metal dustpan RI

## **Contaminated Material Container**





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Sealed plastic bag EPA, CT, Efficiency VT
Secured closed container, preferably glass with metal screw top and gasket seal ME
Puncture resistant container VT
Plastic Container, carpeting in plastic bag, plastic container MA
Sealed plastic or glass container NH
Re-closable plastic bag RI

## **Carpet Advice**

After cleaning if vacuuming is necessary, remove vacuum bag (or empty and wipe canister) into two sealed plastic bags EPA Protect area from people and pets for a couple of weeks until mercury vapor is ventilated away and carpeting can be vacuumed safely. Place affected furniture in garage or outside on a sunny day to drive off mercury vapors RI Cut out contaminated carpet section place in plastic bag MA Do not vacuum, standard vacuum spreads mercury & contaminates vacuum ME Do not vacuum VT

# Discussion

