

Comparison of Advice For Cleaning Up Broken CFL

1. General Statements
 - a. Clean up can be performed by the general public – implied by all advice.
Provided as first statement in the advice by EPA, RI
 - b. Never use a vacuum ME
 - c. Immediate precaution MA
 - d. Small amount of mercury EPA, CT DEP, RI
 - e. Contain mercury spill MA
2. Ventilation Information
 - a. Open Window for 15 minutes EPA, CT,
 - b. Open Window – no time limit ME, VT,
 - c. Open Window – lower room temperature MA, NH
 - d. Ventilate room – raise air temperature RI
3. Clearing Impacted area
 - a. Keep people and pets away ME, VT, MA, RI
 - b. Isolate area NH (until cleaned up)
 - c. Leave room (15 minutes)
 - d. For a couple of weeks RI
4. What to Wear
 - a. Rubber gloves (do not use bare hands) EPA, CT, VT, MA
 - b. Protective clothing (gloves, safety glasses, old clothing, dust mask) ME
 - c. Latex or nitrile gloves NH
 - d. No mention of gloves RI
5. Materials for Cleaning
 - a. Damp towels/wet wipes EPA, ME, CT, MA, NH, RI
 - b. Stiff paper EPA, ME, MA, RI
 - c. Sticky Tape EPA, ME, VT, CT, NH, RI
 - d. Disposable broom ME, NH, RI
 - e. Dustpan ME, NH
 - f. Tweezers VT
 - g. Eye dropper MA
 - h. No metal dustpan RI
6. Container for Contaminated Material
 - a. Sealed plastic bag – EPA, CT
 - b. Secured closed container, preferably glass with metal screw top and gasket seal ME
 - c. Puncture resistant container (plastic bag from EF) VT
 - d. Plastic Container, carpeting in plastic bag, plastic container, MA
 - e. Sealed plastic or glass container NH
 - f. Re-closable plastic bag RI

7. Vacuum/Broom Advice Hard Floor
 - a. No vacuum or broom EPA, MA
 - b. *Never use* a vacuum ME, VT, RI
 - c. Not mentioned CT, NH

8. Carpeted Advice
 - a. After cleaning if vacuuming is necessary, remove vacuum bag (or empty and wipe canister) into two sealed plastic bags EPA
 - b. Standard vacuum spreads mercury & contaminates vacuum ME
 - c. Do not vacuum VT
 - d. Cut out contaminated carpet section place in plastic bag MA
 - e. Carpet and soft surface furniture protect area from people and pets for a couple of weeks until mercury vapor is ventilated away. Place affected furniture in garage or outside on a sunny day to drive off mercury vapors RI

9. What to do with Materials after clean up
 - a. Outdoor trash, outdoor protected area for trash, w/ note that some states prohibit EPA
 - b. Label "universal waste" take to recycling center ME
 - c. Contact municipality for disposal options VT
 - d. Household garbage CT MA
 - e. Secure place while awaiting disposal NH
 - f. Household trash if there's no local recycling, call health department for options RI

10. Hygiene
 - a. Wash hands EPA
 - b. Shower NH

11. Additional Advice/Comments
 - a. Use drop cloth when replacing lamp ME
 - b. Contain Spill MA
 - c. Call after clean up to determine if need for spill report NH
 - d. Promotes benefits of CFL RI