



# Tanning Bed Lamps Out?

## RECYCLE.

All generators of used fluorescent and other mercury-containing lamps ARE RESPONSIBLE BY LAW for their proper management.

- STEP 1: CONTACT A LAMP RECYCLING COMPANY.** See information on back page.
- STEP 2: CAREFULLY REMOVE SPENT LAMPS** according to the tanning bed manufacturer's directions.
- STEP 3: DO NOT CRUSH OR BREAK LAMPS** - lamps that contain mercury pose significant health risks.
- STEP 4: PLACE LAMPS IN A CONTAINER** provided by your lighting sales company or a lamp recycler.
- STEP 5:** Once the container is full, **HAVE YOUR LAMPS PICKED UP FOR RECYCLING.**

**LAMPS CANNOT BE THROWN IN THE TRASH!!!**



Look for the (Hg) symbol, which means the lamp contains mercury and should be recycled.



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# Important Information Enclosed on Fluorescent Lamp Disposal

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**FLUORESCENT AND HID\* LAMPS CONTAIN MERCURY.** When broken, incinerated, or buried in a landfill, they release mercury into the air, water, and soil and endanger human health and the environment.

Improper disposal of mercury lamps is **AGAINST THE LAW**. Violators will be subject to civil and criminal penalties and may be held liable for contaminated waste sites. Also, employees may be exposed to unsafe mercury levels from mismanaged waste lamps.

All businesses are strongly encouraged to recycle their mercury-containing lamps, including low mercury or "green end cap" lamps.

## **DISPOSE OF FLUORESCENT AND HID LAMPS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:**

### **Lamp Recyclers Lists\*\* -**

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dshm/hzwstman/lamprecy.htm> or

<http://www.newmoa.org/lamprecycle>

### **Electrical Distributors -**

Some distributors provide waste management services, offering a convenient, one-stop shopping arrangement for lamp purchasing and spent lamp management. Ask your lamp distributor.

**For more information regarding proper lamp management**, please call NYS DEC at 518-402-8633 or our hotline number 800-462-6553, or by email at [sqginfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:sqginfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us)

\* HID (high intensity discharge) lamps include metal halide, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapor lamps used commonly in commercial indoor and outdoor lighting and other specialty lighting applications.

\*\* Listed recyclers and/or companies that manage mercury-containing lamps are in no way endorsed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or by the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association.