



West Central Iowa Solid Waste Quick Guide to Light Bulb Disposal

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| | <p><u>Incandescent Bulbs</u> This type of bulb can be safely disposed of in the trash. It is important however, to check the labels on your bulb packages, as some hazardous bulbs may have similar shapes.</p> |
| | <p><u>Halogen Bulbs</u> This type of bulb can be safely disposed of in the trash. It is important however, to check the labels on your bulb packages, as some hazardous bulbs may have similar shapes.</p> |
| <p>DISPOSE WITH HAZARDOUS WASTE</p> | |
| | <p><u>Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL)</u> CFL's come in many shapes and sizes, use significantly less energy than traditional bulbs, and use mercury is an essential element in the operation of fluorescent bulbs. Mercury is a hazardous material that will cause health and environmental issues when not disposed of properly.</p> |
| | <p><u>High Intensity Discharge (HID)</u> HID's come in many shapes and sizes, use significantly less energy than traditional bulbs, and use mercury is an essential element in the operation of fluorescent bulbs. Mercury is a hazardous material that will cause health and environmental issues when not disposed of properly.</p> |
| | <p><u>Light Emitting Diode (LED)</u> LED's come in many shapes and sizes and include string lights. They use less energy than CFL/HID bulbs, and do not contain mercury. However, they contain lead, arsenic and dozens of other toxic substances requiring disposal in the hazardous waste program.</p> |

*Package your hazardous bulbs safely and bring to the Transfer Station / Recycling Center.
 There is no charge for disposal of hazardous waste.