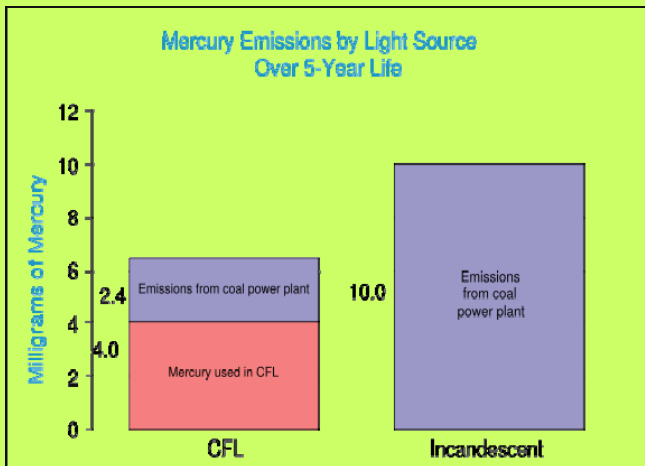




# COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS (CFLS)

## SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY, REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

CFLs are simply miniature versions of full-sized fluorescents. The compact design allows them to be used in place of incandescent light bulbs. They can be screwed into standard sockets, and give off light that looks just like the common incandescent bulbs - not like the fluorescent lighting we associate with factories and schools.



## Dispose of Your CFL Properly

★Mercury is an essential ingredient for most energy efficient lamps. The amount of mercury in a CFL glass tubing is small, about 4mg. However, every product containing mercury should be handled with care.

★★ It is **NOT** unlawful to dispose of CFLs for your home in your regular trash;

however, it is best for the environment if you place the CFL in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of it via the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site at 3600 Wheeler Avenue on Mondays (except holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



## CFL use Benefits the Environment!

- ★ Replacing a single incandescent bulb with a CFL will keep a half-ton of CO<sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb.
- ★ If everyone in the U.S. used energy-efficient lighting, we could retire 90 average size power plants.
- ★ Reductions in energy use also equal reductions in the release of harmful air pollutants such as mercury, oxides of sulfur, and oxides of nitrogen.
- ★ One CFL uses up to 75 percent less energy than an ordinary light bulb and lasts between 7 to 10 times longer.

