



FluoroCycle



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## FLUOROCYCLE FACT SHEET

# Safe Handling of Mercury Containing Lamps

**FluoroCycle** is a voluntary product stewardship scheme designed to increase the recycling rate of mercury-containing lamps.

Lamp recycling can help reduce the amount of mercury in landfill.

Organisations that commit to recycle their end-of-life lamps can apply as FluoroCycle Signatories.

Contact details for lamp recyclers and collectors in each state are available at the FluoroCycle website, [www.fluorocycle.org.au](http://www.fluorocycle.org.au)



Fluorescent lamps are made of glass and can break if dropped or roughly handled. To avoid breaking a lamp, follow these general practices.

### Safe Handling of end-of-life mercury-containing lamps

- Keep old tubes and lamps in a cool, dry location where they will not be at risk of breaking. Handle the lamps carefully at all times. Do not bind them together with sticky tape or other adhesive - keep separate.
- If recycling, place individual tubes or lamps carefully in the recycling bins or boxes provided so that they do not break. Do not bind them together. Tubes which are broken or bound together slow the recycling process and can make handling difficult for recycling staff.

### Transport

- Pack the lamps carefully, preferably with cushioning, so that they do not break while transporting them.

Source: United States EPA

Lighting Council Australia, peak body for Australia's lighting industry, is the Administrator of FluoroCycle.