



Switching from the traditional incandescent light bulbs to CFLs is a change consumers make to be more energy-efficient at home. According to the EPA's Energy Star® Program, if every American switched out one regular, incandescent light bulb for a compact-fluorescent light (CFL) bulb, it would prevent more than \$600 million in annual energy costs and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from 800,000 cars.



However, CFLs contain small amounts of mercury in each bulb and should not be thrown into the any trash or recycling container.

## Free Collection Sites for CFLs

Note: CFL bulbs must be intact (not broken). Broken CFLs will not be accepted.

- 1. Billy Wright Landfill** 209-826-1163 – The drop off location accepts only: intact, non-broken CFLs, electronics, fluorescent tubes, car/truck batteries, household batteries, used motor oil and used oil filters.

Address: 17173 S. Billy Wright Road, Los Banos  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 8 AM – 3:30 PM,  
Saturday: 8 AM – 12 PM  
(Closed Sundays and most holidays)

- 2. Highway 59 Landfill** 209-723-4481 – This facility accepts CFLs, fluorescent tubes and other HHW; such as household batteries, electronics, paint, products containing mercury (like mercury thermostats), and used motor oil/filters. No cost to residents of Merced County. Businesses must register. Please call the MCRWMA Solid Waste Division at (209) 385-7833.

Address: 7040 N. State Highway 59, Merced;  
Hours: Monday – Friday: 7 AM – 3:30 PM  
Saturday: 8 AM – 12 PM

- 3. Home Depot** (Los Banos: 209-509-3940; Merced: 209-722-2600) – The Home Depot® accepts compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs at each of its 1,969 locations. Customers can bring in any unbroken CFL bulb inside a plastic bag and deposit both the bulb and bag into the orange collection unit. The collection units will be located at either the front end of the store near the entrance, by the Returns Desk, or near the exit doors.

Address: a) 1955 E. Pacheco Boulevard, Los Banos;  
b) 1735 W. Highway 140, Merced  
Hours: Please call for hours.

- 4. Lowe's** (Los Banos: 209-829-6100; Merced: 209-385-5000) – All Lowes® stores collect CFL bulbs, and rechargeable batteries. Look for the collection containers near the Returns desk.

Address: a) 1301 W. Pacheco, Los Banos;  
b) 1750 W. Olive Ave, Merced  
Hours: Please call for hours.