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## **BWL Hometown Energy Savers<sup>SM</sup> CFL Bulb Recycling**

The Lansing Board of Water & Light is making CFL recycling more convenient for our customers by offering a free, in-store compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program in partnership with nearly 20 retailers.

At each participating store, customers can simply bring in expired, unbroken CFL bulbs and turn them in to a store associate. Stores will collect the bulbs in approved shipping containers and send them to an environmental service company, where the bulbs will be recycled in accordance with environmental regulations.

Like all fluorescent light bulbs, CFLs contain small amounts of mercury (an average of four milligrams per bulb, about equal in size to the tip of a ball-point pen). It's what makes the bulbs so energy efficient. Because CFLs contain mercury, it's important that they not be discarded in the trash. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that consumers take advantage of local recycling options to dispose of CFLs.

The BWL encourages everyone to switch from standard incandescent bulbs to energy-efficient CFLs, which use 75 percent less energy to produce the same amount of light. According to the EPA, if every American home replaced just one incandescent light bulb with an ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> qualified CFL, we would save enough energy to light more than three million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

A single, ENERGY STAR® rated CFL can pay for itself in six months, and save the consumer \$30 over its lifetime. Most CFLs last 6,000 to 10,000 hours, compared to just 1,000 hours for incandescent bulbs.

Below is a list of area retailers participating in the CFL recycling program. Also, visit the BWL Web site for more information about ways to become more energy-efficient. For more information about our CFL recycling program, visit a participating retailer near you or contact the BWL at 517-702-6006.

## **BWL Hometown Energy Savers<sup>SM</sup> CFL Recycling sites**

ACO Hardware  
600 Frandor Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48912

ACO Hardware  
921 W Holmes Rd. #300  
Lansing, MI 48910

Lansing Board of Water & Light  
Customer Service Center  
1232 Haco Dr.  
Lansing, MI 48901

Capitol Lighting  
4988 Northwind Dr.  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Carter Lumber  
16700 S U.S. 27  
Lansing, MI 48906

Darling Builder Supply  
1600 Turner St.  
Lansing, MI 48906

East Lansing Food Co-op  
4960 Northwind Dr.  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Everybody Reads  
2019 E. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48912

Foster Library  
200 N. Foster Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48912

Good Deals Computers and Equipment  
1406 W. Saginaw St.  
Lansing, MI 48915

Hazen Lumber  
2829 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Lansing, MI 48915

Moosejaw Mountaineering  
555 E. Grand Ave.  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Office Furniture Outlet  
1910 E. Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48912

Pet Supplies Plus  
6030 S. Pennsylvania Ave. # 1  
Lansing, MI 48911

Pro-Build  
3527 S. Creyts Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48917

Scavenger Hunt Eco  
317 E. Grand River  
Lansing, MI 48906

Standard Electric  
773 N. Larch St.  
Lansing, MI 48906

WF Bohnet  
2918 N. Grand River Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906

Gilbert's True Value Hardware  
12900 S U.S. 27 Suite 11  
DeWitt, MI 48820

**What about broken bulbs?**

Broken CFL bulbs can be disposed of properly through a county hazardous waste collection program. See list below. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends sealing broken bulbs in a plastic bag prior to disposal.

Ingham County  
517-887-4312  
[www.ingham.org](http://www.ingham.org)

Clinton County  
989-224-5186  
[www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org)

Eaton County  
517-543-3686  
[www.eatoncounty.org](http://www.eatoncounty.org)