Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Compact Fluorescent Bulbs or Fluorescent Tubes

Potential Hazards: Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain a small amount of mercury.

**Proper Disposal:** Take used fluorescent bulbs and tubes to your local Regional Collection Center, find yours at <u>iowadnr.gov/hhm</u>. Many retailers also accept bulbs through community recycling initiatives. Check with your local big box store to see if they participate.

Green Alternatives: LED lights or Light Emitting Diodes

- are becoming more available
- do not contain mercury
- last up to 5 times longer than fluorescents
- save you money over the life of the bulb