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## Manitoba LightRecycle Program

### Frequently Asked Questions by Consumers

#### **What is the Manitoba LightRecycle Program?**

Starting May 1, 2012, residents will be able to drop off their burnt-out residential-use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and tubes at LightRecycle drop off locations across Manitoba, at no charge.

This program is operated by Product Care Association on behalf of fluorescent light manufacturers and retailers in Manitoba in response to the provincial *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation*. Phase One of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program will launch on May 1 with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and tubes accepted for recycling across the province (along with all household paint and all types of paint aerosols). The full Manitoba HHW program will expand later in 2012 (Phase Two) with more household hazardous waste materials accepted for recycling. For more information, visit [www.productcare.org/mb](http://www.productcare.org/mb).

#### **Why can't I just put them in the garbage or the blue box/bag?**

It is important to keep fluorescent lights out of our landfills. Fluorescent lights contain a small amount of mercury that makes them energy-efficient. Returning them to a LightRecycle drop off location will keep them out of the landfill, ensure the mercury is safely managed, and as many materials as possible are recycled.

#### **What products are accepted?**

Residential-use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and tubes and are accepted by the program. Fluorescent lights and tubes can be identified by the marking for mercury (Hg) on the base of the bulb.

- Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) are energy-efficient lights commonly recognized by their spiral or twist shape; however, they can also be shaped as loops, or covered by a bulb-shaped glass cover.
- Fluorescent tubes come in various lengths (4 foot is the most common) and are also identified by their diameter, known as T12s, T8s and T5s. Most are straight but they can be curved or shaped.

#### **How can I find the nearest collection site?**

Our "depot finder" web page will be available by May 1, 2012 at [www.lightrecycle.ca/mb](http://www.lightrecycle.ca/mb).

#### **How much does it cost?**

There is no fee charged at the time of drop off at any of the LightRecycle collection sites.

#### **How is this program funded?**

The program is funded by membership fees, known as "recycling fees", remitted to Product Care by its members based on the quantity of sales of the designated light products sold in Manitoba. Some retailers show the recycling fee separately at point of purchase and some may include it in the product price. The recycling fee rates are set by Product Care. Program revenues are applied to the operation of the program, including education, collection system, administration, transport, recycling and disposal of unrecyclable collected residual products.

#### **Where can I learn more about this program?**

For program information, visit [www.lightrecycle.ca/mb](http://www.lightrecycle.ca/mb).