Section: Waste Fluorescent, HID Lamps & Other Mercury Lamps

Self-Audit
Tips, Action Steps & Resources

Spent fluorescent, HID and mercury-containing lamps must not be disposed of in the trash.

Mercury-containing lamps include:
- Fluorescent lamps
- HID lamps
- Mercury vapor lamps
- High pressure sodium lamps
- Metal halide lamps
- Ultraviolet lamps
- Neon lamps

Dumping, landfilling or incinerating fluorescent, HID or mercury-containing lamps is prohibited.

Requirement for fluorescent lamp retailers

Minnesota law requires retailers that sell fluorescent lamps to post this notice in a manner clearly visible to a consumer:

*Fluorescent bulbs save energy and reduce environmental pollution. Note: Fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and must be recycled at the end of their use. Contact your county or utility for recycling options. (Minn. Stat. § 325E.127)*

For more information


Refer to the tips, action steps and resources to help you complete the audit.

1. Does your business store and/or send out for recycling waste fluorescent lamps, HID lamps or other lamps that contain mercury, such as neon lamps?
   - Yes. Fill out the Management Plan Form 2 — Waste Fluorescent and HID Lamps on page 2.
   - No, this business is not responsible for the disposal of waste fluorescent lamps, HID lamps or other lamps that contain mercury. Check this if waste lamp disposal is part of your office space lease or is done by the building manager.

2. Do you take waste fluorescent, HID or other lamps that contain mercury from customers for recycling?
   - Yes. Include the amount you take in from customers on your Management Plan Form 2 — Waste Fluorescent and HID Lamps on page 2.
   - No, this business does not collect waste lamps from customers for recycling. Move on to the next section.
Instructions for filling out the Management Plan Form 2

B. Year waste first generated: Estimate if unknown.

C. Shipment or treatment frequency: For example: 2 times per 1 year. Write “to be determined” if you are unsure how often the waste will be disposed.

F. Type of waste storage container: Storage containers must be:
- Compatible with the waste (will not react with, be affected by, or absorb contents)
- Sturdy and leak-proof (will not leak when overturned or bumped)
- Store any broken lamps in a closed, air-tight container marked “Broken Fluorescent Lamps.”

H. Amount generated per year: If you don’t have a history of the amount of waste generated, estimate the amount that will be generated in a year.

J./K. Transporter/Disposer name: See Hazardous Waste Disposal Companies factsheet to find a transporter and disposer. The factsheet may be included with the self audit or can be downloaded at www.hennepin.us/hazwastedisposalcompanies.

Management Plan Form 2 — Waste Fluorescent, HID Lamps and other mercury lamps

Report how you manage or will manage your wastes. Call 612-348-3777 for assistance.

Refer to the instructions for more information.

A. Waste name: Fluorescent, HID and Other Mercury-Containing Lamps

B. Year waste was first generated at the site under current ownership: _________

C. Frequency of shipment or treatment: _____ times per _____ year

D. Source or process of generation (check all that apply):
- Lighting
- Other (specify) __________________________

E. On-site management of waste (select one):
- Stored for shipment (You ship or will ship your waste to a disposal or recycling facility)
- Other (specify) __________________________

F. Type of waste storage container(s):
- Box
- Drum
- Pail
- Original container
- Other (specify) __________________________

G. On-site storage location of the waste: □ Indoors □ Outdoors □ N/A

H. Amount generated per year: _____ gallons or _____ pounds

I. Check that you understand and follow the requirements for proper labeling and storage:
- Labeled with a clear description of the waste (e.g., Universal Waste, Waste Lamps, Used Lamps)
- Container is closed

J. Transporter name*: __________________________
or □ Self
- To be determined*

K. Disposer name*: __________________________
or □ To be determined*

Office use only

Waste code: D009
Phys. state: Inorganic solid
Storage container:
Billing code:
Disposer EPA ID number: __________________________
Transporter EPA ID number: __________________________
Disposal method: __________________________
Inv. ID:
Date entry & initials: __________________________
Waste inactive: