

# Management of Spent Mercury-Containing Lamps and Devices

Businesses operating in Lee County must recycle fluorescent tubes and other mercury-containing devices in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 62-730.185

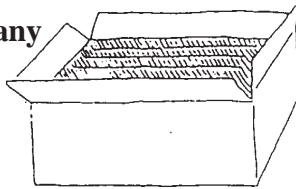
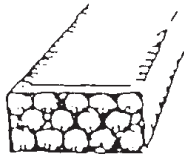
If these lamps or devices are not recycled they must be counted as a hazardous waste. Cradle to grave responsibility is applicable. Lamps Listed:

High Pressure/Low Pressure Lighting, Fluorescent Tubes, High Intensity Discharge lamps, Metal Halide, Mercury Vapor Lamps, High Pressure Sodium lamps and Neon lamps containing mercury.

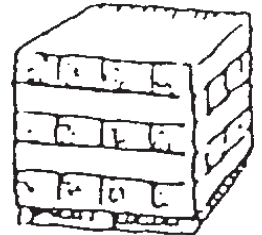
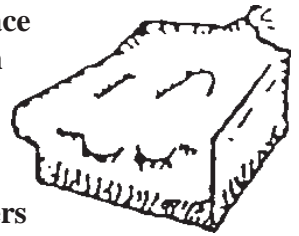
Devices listed: Thermometers, Manometers, Ampoules from thermostats, Electric Mercury Switches and Relays, and any other device which contains liquid mercury.

## Do:

- Label boxes “Mercury Containing Lamps Destined for Recycling”
- Package lamps tightly, without separators or any other packing
- Empty boxes of all packing material before refilling
- count lamps
- Label boxes with company name and lamp count
- Use original manufacturer’s box or proper box size (8 foot = 12”x 12”x 96” and 4 foot = 12”x12”x48”)

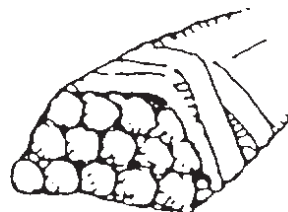
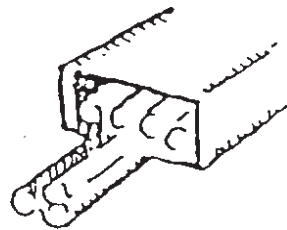


- If lamps are broken, place in box, wrap and tie with plastic bag
- Keep lamps dry
- Use pallets if possible
- Complete shipping papers (bill of lading or packing slip)
- Make sure you receive a receipt
- Keep receipt on file for three years
- Train ALL employees in the proper handling of mercury containing lamps



## Do NOT:

- Pack different lengths together
- Send partly filled boxes
- Tape lamps to each other
- Allow ANY debris in with lamps
- Ship repaired or taped containers
- Allow lamp boxes to get wet



For further information, contact Lee County Pollution Prevention Program at 652-6126.