

HOW TO CLEAN AND DISPOSE A BROKEN CFL LAMP



Some compact fluorescent lamps meant for household use, contain mercury.

In the unlikely event that the glass of such a lamp breaks or cracks you should follow these simple instructions:

Keep calm! Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps contain only a very small amount of mercury. Be careful with the broken glass particles and don't cut yourself. Don't inhale the

mercury vapour. If the broken lamp is still in the fixture make sure you disconnect the power supply. Pickup all lamp particles- if possible by sweeping them. Try not to touch them, but take a disposable cloth or tape to remove everything completely. In case there is no other alternative, use a vacuum cleaner. Please dispose of the vacuum bag immediately after use.

Also, remember to dispose of any material that was in contact with the broken particles and eventually dispose of the cracked lamp itself correctly. Finally, ventilate the room for 20-30 minutes.

