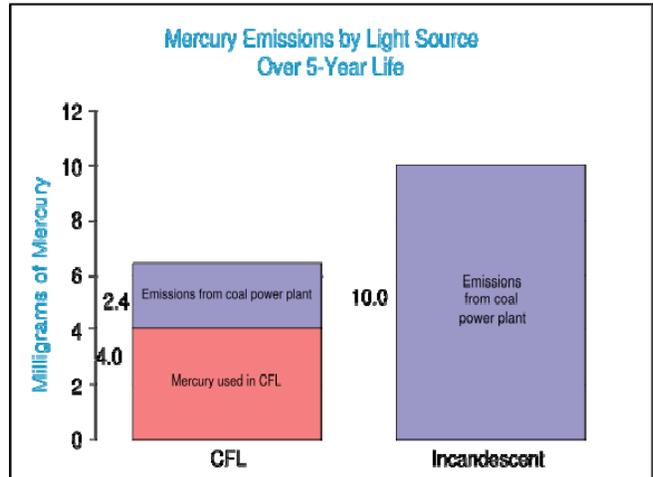


COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS (CFLS)

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY, REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

The City of Alexandria, Transportation & Environmental Services, Office of Environmental Quality is distributing compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to you, **FREE OF CHARGE!** CFLs are simply miniature versions of full-sized fluorescents. They can be screwed into standard sockets, and give off light that looks just like the common incandescent bulbs - not like the fluorescent lighting we associate with factories and schools.



Source: EPA

CFL use Benefits the Environment!

- Replacing a single incandescent bulb with a CFL will keep a half-ton of CO₂ out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb.
- If everyone in the U.S. used energy-efficient lighting, we could retire 90 average size power plants.
- Reductions in energy use also equal reductions in the release of harmful air pollutants such as mercury, oxides of sulfur, and oxides of nitrogen.
- One CFL uses up to 75 percent less energy than and ordinary light bulb and lasts 7 to 10 times longer.

Source: EPA

Dispose of Your CFL Properly

- Mercury is an essential ingredient for most energy efficient lamps. The amount of mercury in a CFL glass tubing is small, about 4mg. However, every product containing mercury should be handled with
 - It is **NOT** unlawful to dispose of CFLs for your home in your regular trash; however, it is best for the environment if you place the CFL in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of it via the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue. It is open on Mondays and Saturdays (except holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

