

# LIGHTING WASTE RECYCLING [“USED LAMPS”]



## Getting your department or group started:

**Types of Lamps accepted:** Fluorescent light tubes, halogen, compact fluorescent, circular, U-bend, high intensity discharge (HID), mercury, xenon, UV lamps, et al.

NOTE: Incandescent light bulbs can be discarded into the regular trash.

**Step 1:** Select a single location within your department to place **used lamps**. Ideal location would be an area where lamps would be safe from breakage and is familiar to Zone Maintenance personnel (i.e. in an area where other recyclables are accumulated).



**Step 2:** Place **used lamps** whenever possible in its original package or like-packaging to minimize breakage. Mark collection container with the words “**Used Lamps**” or “**Waste Lamps**”, or “**Universal Waste Lamps**”.

NOTE: Federal EPA regulations require **used lamps** to be protected from breakage and the collection container kept securely closed, unless adding spent lamps to the container. **Used lamps** should not be stored for more than 6 months. Even if container is not full, request it to be emptied.



**Step 3:** Announce to your department via e-mail that your department group has a **used lamp** recycling box and provide its location information.



**Step 4:** Place **used lamps** into your designated lamp recycling container.



**Step 5:** Your building’s Zone Maintenance person will periodically check the central accumulation area for **used lamps** and empty as needed. However, if your area is full and needs to be emptied promptly, have your UBM contact Physical Plant Work Control at 852-6241.

Physical Plant Electricians and Zone Maintenance personnel collect and transport lighting wastes generated by routine service and maintenance operations to the designated DEHS managed accumulation site. Whenever possible, **used lamps** should be placed into original or-like packaging to minimize breakage during transport to these accumulation areas.

**IMPORTANT:** Broken lamps should be contained (i.e. in a closed box or bag) and separated from unbroken lamps. A pick up request should be submitted to the Environmental Health & Safety’s Hazardous Waste Coordinator on-line Chemical Waste pick up form at <http://louisville.edu/dehs/>.

**Questions or comments about this program can be directed to the U of L – Physical Plant Zone Maintenance Department at 852-8182 or Environmental Health & Safety at 852-6670**