

Santa Cruz County Take-it-Back Partnership Takes On Fluorescents



The Take-it-Back partnership in Santa Cruz now provides County residents with a no-cost opportunity to properly recycle fluorescent lamps, including tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).

All fluorescent lamps contain a minute amount of mercury which can harm the environment if the bulbs are not recycled properly. See [EPA's Fact Sheet on Mercury Lamps](#). Over a dozen local lamp retailers now take back lamps in their stores from residents at no charge. Businesses may return used fluorescent lamps to any local HHW site for a small fee.

Local governments provide funding for fluorescent lamp recycling. The program is coordinated by the County Public Works Department. Initial funding was provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Please contact County Public Works at (831) 454-2160 if you have any questions about this program.

**NEVER throw your used fluorescent bulbs in the trash or recycling!
Take them to one of the stores below at no cost.**

Limit: 10 bulbs per day. Compact fluorescents and tubes up to 4' length accepted.

Participating Stores:

Aptos

ACE Hardware
72 Rancho del Mar
(831) 662-0222

Ben Lomond

Scarborough Lumber
9470 Highway 9
(831) 336-5142

Boulder Creek

Scarborough Lumber
12990 Highway 9
(831) 338-6467

Capitola

Orchard Supply Hardware
1601 41st Av.
(831) 475-7701

Felton

Felton Paint and Hardware
6291 Hwy 9
(831) 335-4838

ProBuild
5843 Graham Hill Rd.
(831) 335-4423

Santa Cruz

ACE Hardware
855 Almar Av.
(831) 426-7650

ACE Hardware
1214 Soquel Av.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
(831) 457-2222

GreenSpace
719 Swift St. #56-A
(831) 423-7200

Illuminée
402 Ingalls St. Ste. 23
(831) 423-1121

ProBuild
235 River St.
(831) 426-1020

Riverside Lighting
300 Soquel Av.
(831) 423-7411

Scotts Valley

Scarborough Lumber
20 El Pueblo Rd.
(831) 438-0331

Scarborough Lumber
218 Mt Hermon Rd.
(831) 438-0581

Soquel

ProBuild
2435 41st Av.
(831) 475-6100

Watsonville

Orchard Supply Hardware
1060 S Green Valley Rd.
(831) 728-7701

ACE Hardware
1820 Freedom Blvd.
(831) 724-4740

ACE Hardware
451 Main St.
(831) 724-4749

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes are also accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at the disposal site serving your community.

Call 831-454-2606 for HHW locations and hours of operation.