

Fluorescent Lights — Broken Bulb Cleanup



Using fluorescent lights saves you money on your energy bill. It also protects the environment by reducing the amount of energy—and pollution—produced by power plants. Fluorescent lights do, however, contain small amounts of mercury, so they need to be handled properly.

What to Do if a Bulb Breaks

Avoid breathing vapors or touching broken materials.

Do not vacuum or sweep.

1. Open windows to vent vapors for at least 15 minutes.
2. Use stiff paper or cardboard to pick up large pieces.
3. Use duct tape to pick up small pieces and powder.
4. Wipe the area clean with a damp paper towel or wet wipe.
5. Place all materials in a sealed container.
6. Wash your hands.
7. Dispose of at **HazoHouse** — not in your trash. When you change a bulb, cover the flooring with a sheet of plastic.



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