

Fighting Mercury Pollution in Lake Erie

Mercury pollution in Lake Erie continues to be a hot topic. The pollution comes from a wide variety of sources, some of which are from our homes. For instance, we know old thermometers have mercury in them; that's why they aren't on drugstore shelves anymore. This and other measures have been taken for reducing mercury in our ecosystem including Ohio's mercury use ban.

But did you know compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) have mercury in them? CFLs, the popular, energy-efficient, coil-type bulbs you likely have in your home contain mercury vapor. **To help keep mercury out of Lake Erie, don't dispose of these bulbs in your home garbage or recycling bins.** The mercury is bio-accumulative, can make its way into the ecosystem and ultimately be ingested by fish, a popular food source for humans. Instead, drop them off at CFL recycling locations at home improvement stores or at the Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca (OSS) Solid Waste District, located at 1875 E State St, Fremont, OH 43420. If you decide to make a trip to the OSSWD, consider conducting an inventory of other possible household items containing mercury that you can recycle responsibly.

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