



## MERCURY BULBS

can be long tubes, U shaped, HIU, or CFL's. They are filled with a small amount of mercury vapor that creates an ultraviolet light when contacted by an electrical current (fluorescence). Because a small amount of mercury is within the tubes, the lights are considered a form of universal waste whose handling is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

## REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSAL WASTE BULBS:

- Store used bulbs and lamps in seal-able boxes or tubes.
- Tape the boxes closed when full or done for the day.
- Place the boxes on the ground where they will not be damaged or possibly fall over.
- Place a completed "Universal Waste" sticker on the box, including the accumulation date (date the material was added to the box).
- If stickers are unavailable, write "Used Lamps" and the accumulation date on the box.
- Small jobs (2 boxes or less) may be serviced by EHS at 541-346-2348.
- Larger jobs should schedule a drop-off with EHS at 541-346-2348 or ehsinfo@uoregon.edu.

## WHAT TO DO!

- Do not handle fluorescent light bulbs if you are not trained to do so.
- Follow all universal waste requirements listed above.
- Report out lights and broken bulbs to CPM's Work Control Center at 541-346-2319 or workcontrolcenter@uoregon.edu.
- Report any injuries to your supervisor immediately!
- Bring questions to your supervisor.
- Direct additional questions to EHS.



Examples of various types of mercury containing bulbs.

# UNIVERSAL WASTE

\* CONTENTS "Used bulbs"

\* ACCUMULATION START DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Label fluorescent bulbs as universal waste with an EHS label!



Never throw out a fluorescent bulb!

