

EPA GUIDELINES FOR BROKEN BULBS:

Below are the general instructions if a CFL breaks inside your home or office. Please be aware of the general clean-up instructions. Please note, these procedures are given by the EPA as of April 8, 2008. Please refer to www.epa.exact-clean-up-instructions for the most recent information.

FIRST -- Ventilate the Room

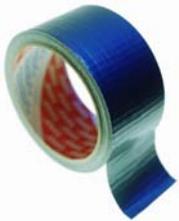
1. Have people and pets leave the room, and don't let anyone walk through the breakage area on their way out.
2. Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
3. Shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system, if you have one.



SECOND -- Clean the Surface

Hard Surfaces (a)

- 4a. Carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a sealed plastic bag.
- 5a. Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- 6a. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place them in the plastic bag.
- 7a. Do not use a vacuum or broom on hard surfaces because it may spread the mercury.



Carpeting or Rugs (b)

- 4b. Carefully pick up glass fragments and place them in a sealed plastic bag.
- 5b. Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder.
- 6b. If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken.
- 7b. Remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister), and put the bag or vacuum debris in a sealed plastic bag.
- 8b. The next several times you vacuum, shut off the central forced-air heating/air conditioning system and open a window prior to vacuuming.
- 9b. Keep the central heating/air conditioning system shut off and the window open for at least 15 minutes after vacuuming is completed.

LAST, Clean-up Materials

- Immediately place all cleanup materials outside the building in a trash container or outdoor protected area until it can be disposed of properly.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the jars or plastic bags containing clean-up materials.

