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CFL Recycling Program Announced

Recycling spent CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) has just gotten easier. You can now drop off your spent CFLs at any Loup Power District office throughout its four-county service area.

Loup Power District in partnership with Keep Columbus Beautiful accepts the spent CFLs, stores them in special containers that when full are sent to Air Cycle Corporation for EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) approved recycling.

"CFLs have become a popular replacement for regular incandescent bulbs because they use up to 75% less energy, last up to 10 times longer, save on energy costs, and help the environment by saving energy," stated Heather Buttarro, Coordinator of Keep Columbus Beautiful.

Proper disposal of spent CFLs is important because they do contain a very small amount of mercury within the glass tubing -- an average of 5 milligrams -- about the amount that would cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.

With this new partnership, spent CFLs can simply be brought to any Loup office and the proper disposal will be handled by Loup and Keep Columbus Beautiful.

The locations of the Loup Power District offices that will now be accepting CFLs for recycling are: Albion (229 So. 4th St.), Clarkson (120 W. 2nd St.), Columbus (2404 - 15th St. (across from the Post Office)), Fullerton (310 - 3rd St.), Genoa (417 Willard), Humphrey (103 N. 3rd), Newman Grove (513 Hale), and St. Edward (203 Beaver).

"Loup Power District is excited to partner with Keep Columbus Beautiful and offer this handy means for people to dispose of spent CFLs," said Rick Cheloha, New Business Supervisor at Loup. "As CFLs become more popular, the most frequently asked question is how to properly dispose of them. Now there is a convenient answer for our four-county service area."

More information about the CFL Recycling Program is available at the Loup web site: www.loup.com or by calling Loup at 888-564-3171 Ext. 221 or by calling Keep Columbus Beautiful at 402-563-9223.

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