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## **Partnership Kicks Off Six-Month Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling Program**

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Kitsap County and its public and private partners are making it easier to safely manage used fluorescent light bulbs and tubes. Residents of King, Kitsap, Snohomish and Thurston Counties can recycle their fluorescent light bulbs at 67 retail outlets now through July 18, 2005.

“We recommend the use of fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to save energy, “ says Solid Waste Programs Manager, Gretchen Olsen, “They are safe to use in your home, but they contain a small amount of mercury—so they must be properly recycled, rather than thrown in the garbage.”

Seattle Lighting is offering a place for homeowners to drop off compact bulbs and straight tubes for a 50-cent fee to cover the transportation and recycling costs. In return, customers receive 50-cent discount coupons for their next purchase of new compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Seattle Lighting joins the Kitsap County Moderate Risk Waste Collection Facility as the drop-off locations for fluorescent lights in Kitsap County. A complete list of participating retailers in the other counties is located at [www.productstewardship.net](http://www.productstewardship.net). Businesses either contract with a permitted hauler or bring their fluorescent lights to the Small Quantity Generator Program collection if they qualify. For more information on business waste, call The Open Line at 360-337-5777.

The recycling campaign is sponsored by the Puget Sound Lamp Recycling Coalition, which is comprised of the Kitsap County Solid Waste Division; the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County; Snohomish County Human Services, PUD, and Solid Waste Management Division; Thurston County, Ecolights Northwest, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Puget Sound Energy, and Seattle City Light.

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