

# **Santa Cruz County Take-it-Back Partnership Takes On Fluorescents**

**The Take-it-Back partnership in Santa Cruz now provides County residents with a no-cost opportunity to properly recycle fluorescent lamps, including tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).**

All fluorescent lamps contain a minute amount of mercury which can harm the environment if the bulbs are not recycled properly. See [EPA's Fact Sheet on Mercury Lamps](#). Over a dozen local lamp retailers now take back lamps in their stores from residents at no charge. Businesses may return used fluorescent lamps to any local HHW site for a small fee.

Local governments provide funding for fluorescent lamp recycling. The program is coordinated by the County Public Works Department. Initial funding was provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Please contact County Public Works at (831) 454-2160 if you have any questions about this program.

**NEVER throw your used fluorescent bulbs in the trash or recycling!  
Take them to one of the stores below at no cost.**

**Limit: 10 bulbs per day. Compact fluorescents and tubes up to 4' length accepted.**

## **Participating Stores:**

### ***Aptos***

ACE Hardware  
72 Rancho del Mar  
(831) 662-0222

### ***Ben Lomond***

Scarborough Lumber  
9470 Highway 9  
(831) 336-5142

### ***Boulder Creek***

Scarborough Lumber  
12990 Highway 9  
(831) 338-6467

### ***Santa Cruz***

ACE Hardware  
855 Almar Av.  
(831) 426-7650

ACE Hardware  
1214 Soquel Av.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
(831) 457-2222

GreenSpace  
719 Swift St. #56-A  
(831) 423-7200

Riverside Lighting 300  
Soquel Av.  
(831) 423-7411

### ***Scotts Valley***

Scarborough Lumber  
20 El Pueblo Rd.  
(831) 438-0331

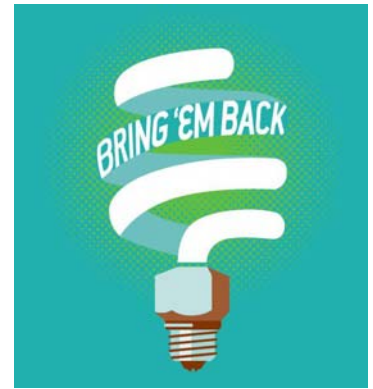
Scarborough Lumber  
218 Mt Hermon Rd.  
(831) 438-0581

### ***Watsonville***

Orchard Supply Hardware  
1060 S Green Valley Rd.

ACE Hardware  
1820 Freedom Blvd.  
(831) 724-4740

ACE Hardware  
451 Main St.  
(831) 724-4749



Fluorescent bulbs and tubes are also accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at the disposal site serving your community.

Call 831-454-2606 for HHW locations and hours of operation.