

1) Be sure to use gloves and safety glasses when handling fluorescent lights.



Using gloves and safety glasses



2) If available, use the original box for packing fluorescent lamps. When a new bulb is taken out, put the expired bulb in its place. Mark the old bulb to indicate it no longer works.

Marked used fluorescent tubes

3) Light recycling kits can be purchased through Total Reclaim in Anchorage if no boxes are available in your community. Carefully place the expired fluorescent lamps in the light boxes. Be careful not to over-fill the boxes, BUT also make sure boxes are shipped full.



Full box of used fluorescent tubes ready to be closed and labeled



Taped box lid

4) Tape both ends of the boxes to seal them securely. Carefully tape all seams of the boxes and tape the corners so that if lamp breakage occurs, toxic components will stay in the box.

5) Contact your shipper concerning proper labeling. Boxes should include “used fluorescent lamps” and “fragile” labels.



An example of Alaska Building Science Network's labeling