



**California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control**



Fact Sheet

**Repeal of DTSC's 25 Fluorescent
Tubes Policy**

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The Universal Waste Emergency Rules have superseded the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)'s long standing policy of allowing disposal of up to 25 fluorescent tubes per day at any one location in the non-hazardous trash. The approval of the emergency regulations, effective on March 6, 2000, has formally rescinded this policy. Generators of spent fluorescent tubes and other universal wastes are directed to the emergency regulations for current management standards for universal wastes.

Note that "conditionally exempt small quantity universal waste generators" are still allowed to dispose of up to 25 tubes per day everyday per location in the non-hazardous waste. However, a business could not dispose of 25 tubes per day every day without exceeding the 220 pounds per month limit for conditionally exempt small quantity universal waste generators.

Householders may continue to dispose of their universal wastes in the non-hazardous municipal solid waste (trash).