

# It's our turn to protect your future.



*As a customer of Mora Municipal Utilities (MMU), you can now bring your fluorescent lamps to 16 North Lake Street to be recycled. Rather than throwing the lamps in a garbage can, which could end up in one of our precious Minnesota lakes, let MMU dispose of them in the most environmentally-friendly way possible at NO COST to you.*

**QUESTION:** Why can't I just throw my fluorescent lamps in the trash?

**ANSWER:** Fluorescent lamps contain mercury and mercury produces a hazardous waste. Overexposure to mercury waste can cause learning disabilities, impair kidney and immune function, and possibly lead to loss of sight and hearing.

*Recycling fluorescent lamps reduces overall mercury emissions to the environment.*

**FACT:** Every form of mercury is toxic and yet it is an essential element in millions of fluorescent lamps nationally and globally.

**REALITY:** The Environmental Protection Agency reports that approximately 600 million fluorescent lamps are disposed of in US landfills each year - an amount that results in roughly 30,000 pounds of mercury waste. And each year, 187 incinerators nationwide emit a staggering 70,000 pounds of mercury waste into the air we breathe.

**Mora Municipal Utilities,**

*a convenient place to recycle your fluorescent lamps at no cost!*

