

# N O T I C E

## *Regulations Governing Disposal of Fluorescent Lamps and Other Mercury-Containing Waste*

As an important advisory, we remind you that, under the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Universal Waste Rule (URule), **it is illegal to throw away mercury-containing waste in the trash.** Fluorescent lamps, thermostats, electric switches, and many batteries contain mercury and must therefore be recycled or disposed of as hazardous waste. Failure to do so in accordance with government regulations is punishable by substantial fines.

Consistent with these regulations, Cummings Properties has implemented its own disposal program for fluorescent lamps from lights serving common areas and any vacant spaces it is responsible for maintaining. Many tenants, however, also regularly dispose of fluorescent light bulbs when changing "burned out" lamps within their individual leased premises. Tenants who do not already have a legal disposal or recycling program in place may contact **Complete Recycling Solutions, LLC, 866-277-9797** to contract for recycling services. Please remind your cleaning contractor that disposing any mercury-containing items in any dumpster or compactor is prohibited.

As part of this notification effort, we have also posted signs with all *shared* trash receptacles stating, "Disposal of Fluorescent Lamps, Batteries and other Mercury-Containing Waste is STRICTLY PROHIBITED." Tenants with individual dumpsters should consider posting a similar warning.

To obtain a copy of the URule (310 CMR 30.1000) and a DEP fact sheet discussing the collection, storage and handling of universal wastes visit [www.mass.gov/dep](http://www.mass.gov/dep), search: 310 CMR 30.1000 or visit, the United States Environmental Protection Agency website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov), click on: mercury.

Thank you for your careful attention to this important issue.