



Safety Tips for Leon County Hazardous Waste Center

Winter 2014: Compact Fluorescent Lamps and Batteries



Often citizens bring small batteries and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center or collection event. Sadly, these items don't agree with each other when moved, especially in plastic grocery bags, like the above picture. The batteries can break CFLs, releasing mercury vapor. To avoid this, keep batteries and CFLs apart. Batteries can be placed in boxes, zipper bags or plastic jars. CFLs are best carried in their original packaging, or wrapped in paper or other padding. Keep CFLs separate from other heavy objects.

