

# N O T I C E

## *Disposal of Fluorescent Bulbs and Other Mercury-Containing Waste Under the Massachusetts Mercury Management Act*

As an important advisory, we remind you that, under Massachusetts law, **it is illegal to throw mercury-containing waste in the trash.** Consequently, fluorescent light bulbs and lamps for flat panel computer monitors (and TVs), thermostats, electric switches, and many batteries must 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 a disposal program for fluorescent lamps from lights serving common areas and vacant spaces it maintains. Many tenants, however, also regularly dispose of fluorescent light bulbs when changing “burned out” lamps within their individual leased premises. Tenants that do not already have a legal disposal or recycling program in place may contact **NLR, Inc., 877-822-4733** 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 Mercury Management Act and a DEP fact sheet discussing the collection, storage and handling of such waste, visit [www.mass.gov/dep](http://www.mass.gov/dep), and search: “mercury”. You are also encouraged to call the Mercury Hotline (at 1-866-9-MERCURY) with any questions about mercury disposal or recycling.

Thank you for your careful attention to this important issue.