



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LAMP PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



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1. ABOUT PRODUCT CARE ASSOCIATION

Product Care Association of Canada (“Product Care”) is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit product stewardship association formed in response to stewardship regulations and is governed by a multi-sector industry board of directors. Product Care manages paint, household hazardous waste, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and other lamp industry stewardship programs in various provinces in Canada.

Product Care has an approved lamp product stewardship plan with the Prince Edward Island Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action under the *Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations* (“Regulation”) of the *Environmental Protection Act*. The PEI Lamp Product Stewardship Program (“Program”) was approved in April 2015 and was subsequently renewed for another 5-year period on November 4, 2024.

Product Care’s members are the “brand owners” (manufacturers, distributors, and first sellers) obligated by the Regulation. The Program is open to any brand owner to join.

Product Care currently operates lamp products stewardship programs in six other provinces: British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Product Care also operates the Paint Recycling Stewardship Program in Prince Edward Island.

1.1. REPORT PERIOD

This report covers the reporting period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

1.2. PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Program offers collection sites, free of charge, throughout the province where consumers and businesses can bring unwanted/burned out lamps. Most collection sites are operated by Island Waste Management Corporation (IWMC) under contract to Product Care. In addition to the IWMC collection sites, a retailer, Home Hardware, in Charlottetown, is also a collection site under the Program. Residents and businesses can return any type of whole lamps to any of the six IWMC collection sites. The Home Hardware store only accepts lamps from the residential sector.

Product Care supplies collection sites with standard collection boxes for the collection of lamps. A hauler contracted by the Program collects the filled boxes from the collection sites and delivers collection supplies to the collection sites. The full collection containers are shipped to a processor for recycling. Additional elements of the Program managed by Product Care include revenue management, communications, and administration.

The Program is funded by Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) remitted to Product Care by its members for each regulated lamp product sold into or in the province. For more details, please see [Appendix 1](#).

1.3. ACCEPTED PRODUCTS

The Program is designed to collect and manage end-of-life intact (whole) lamps. The Program includes the following common categories of lamps, whether they are marketed for residential, industrial, or commercial purposes. This list is subject to change by Product Care.

- Fluorescent Tubes – Fluorescent tubes come in different lengths (4 feet, 8 feet, etc.), diameters (T5, T8 and T12) and light output. Most tubes are straight, but some may be curved or shaped.
- Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) – Fluorescent bulbs that are typically similar in size and are intended to replace an incandescent (traditional) light bulb, including pin-type sockets.
- High Intensity Discharge Lamps (HID), non-mercury and mercury containing lamps – Includes mercury vapor, metal halide, high or low-pressure sodium and UV lamps.
- Incandescent and Halogen lamps – Filament lamps of all shapes, sizes, and wattages.
- Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs – Solid-state lamps used for specialty purposes and conventional lighting applications.
- Light Emitting Diode (LED) tubes and others – Solid-state tubes of all lengths and shapes for all lighting applications, and other lamps/bulbs used for specialty purposes or industrial lighting applications (e.g. LED HID replacement lighting).
- Miniature Bulbs – Miniature bulbs are small or very small bulbs. They can be LED, incandescent, halogen or neon

and are typically designed and sold as replacement bulbs.

Lamp products can be sold as replacement lamps or integrated into a product intended to illuminate an area (such as a fixture, a flashlight, etc.). When sold integrated into such a product, the lamp portion of the product must be designed to be able to be removed from that product by the end user to be recycled. Lamps that are sold integrated into products that meet this requirement are included in the Program.

The Program is designed to collect and manage whole lamps and not crushed lamps. A limited amount of incidental breakage of lamps is accepted by the Program, provided the broken lamps are packaged in accordance with the requirements of the Program.

The Program includes lamp products manufactured by existing brand owners as well as orphan products (those that are no longer in production or which the manufacturer is no longer producing) if their function was the same as products accepted in the Program.

1.4. NON-PROGRAM MATERIAL

Non-program materials are products other than the lamp products listed above. Minimization of non-program material is achieved through a comprehensive program of public education, signage, and collection facility staff training. Non-program material includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- All types of fixtures
- Ballasts
- Products containing lights with a primary purpose that is not to illuminate or assist in the illumination of space (e.g., germicidal lamps).
- Lamps integrated into products that are not intended for removal/replacement by end users.

2. BRAND OWNER SALES INFORMATION

Program members reported total sales of 344,579 units of program products in PEI from January 1 to December 31, 2025, as shown below in [Table 1](#).

Table 1: Total units sold by category

Fluorescent tubes	Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL)	LED Bulbs	LED Tubes and Others	HID and Others	Incandescent / Halogen	Miniature Bulbs	Total
32,213	3,678	212,824	10,391	998	63,225	21,250	344,579

3. COLLECTION

The following section provides the total amount of lamps collected in PEI, as well as the location of collection sites.

3.1. TOTAL AMOUNT OF LAMPS COLLECTED

[Table 2](#) Shows the total number of lamps collected through the Program in 2025, broken down by category.

Table 2: Total units of lamps collected in 2025

Fluorescent tubes	Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL)	LED Bulbs	LED Tubes and Others	HID and Others	Incandescent/ Halogen	Mini bulbs	Total
62,496	24,166	26,338	135	3,373	30,416	27,585	174,509

3.2. COLLECTION SITES

As of December 31, 2025, seven collection sites participated in the Program: six (6) collection sites operated and managed by IWMC and one (1) retail location. Table 3 lists all collection sites. [Appendix 2](#) illustrates the Program's recycling location finder: www.productcare.org/recycling-locator/.

Table 3: 2025 PEI lamp collection sites

Collection Sites	Address	City
GreenIsle	8 Superior Crescent	Charlottetown
Brockton	2202 Dock Road Route # 150	Brockton
New London	10142 Route #6	New London
Murray River	378 Cape Bear Road Route #18	Murray River
Dingwells Mills	100 Selkirk Road Route #309	Dingwells Mills
EPWMF	29786 Route #2	Wellington Center
Charlottetown Home Hardware	115 St Peters Rd.	Charlottetown

4. PROCESSING

4.1. LAMPS PROCESSED

In 2025, a total of 174,509 whole lamps were recycled by a contracted processor. The Program's processor is required to conform to Product Care's Processor Standards.

4.2. DISPOSAL METHOD DESCRIPTIONS

The following sections describe each method the Program used to reuse, recycle, or otherwise treat or dispose of lamp products.

4.2.1. REUSE

The Program is designed to manage end-of-life lamp products that no longer work and cannot be reused. Consequently, no lamps collected through the Program were reused.

4.2.2. RECYCLING

Collected Program Products were broken down into their component parts in a controlled environment. The resulting glass, ceramic and metal components were recovered as commodities. The metal components were sent to smelters. Glass and ceramics were sent to a glass recycler to be used for sand blasting.

4.2.3. SECURE LANDFILL

During the separation of the components, the mercury and the phosphor powder were collected in drums. The contents of the drums are sent to a waste management company in Quebec where they are encapsulated into a concrete-like material and securely landfilled. Although the mercury can be removed from the phosphor powder by retort, the market for recycled mercury has been greatly reduced in the last few years due to regulatory restrictions. These restrictions include a US ban on mercury imports, which has limited the availability of recycling options for mercury.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: PRODUCER EFFORTS TO REDUCE WASTE IN PRODUCT LIFECYCLE

Lighting producers are working to reduce environmental impacts through product design, technological innovation, and lifecycle management. Industry efforts focus on improving durability, energy efficiency, reusability, and recyclability while reducing material use and energy consumption where feasible.

DESIGN APPROACHES TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Lighting producers consider hazardous substance reduction in product design. Products are required to comply with applicable regulations that restrict certain chemicals and substances, in accordance with relevant provincial and federal regulations (e.g., RoHS Directive-type requirements and Canadian equivalents under CEPA).

- For example, mercury content is being phased out.
- Manufacturers are also reducing the use of lead-containing solders and halogenated flame retardants.

SHIFT TOWARD DURABLE LIGHTING TECHNOLOGIES

In recent years, the lighting industry has shifted its focus from traditional lighting technologies to the development and adoption of energy-efficient and long-lasting lamp technology. As an example, the advancement of LED lighting technology is having a significant impact on the lighting market.

MINIMIZE ENERGY CONSUMPTION DURING THE IN-USE PHASE

1. Market-driven transition to new lighting technologies:

Life cycle assessment studies consistently show that energy use during the operational phase represents approximately 80–90% of total environmental impact.

- LEDs use up to 75–80% less energy than traditional lighting (e.g., guidance from U.S. Department of Energy).
 - Ongoing improvements in lumens-per-watt performance continue to reduce electricity consumption while maintaining or improving light output.
2. Durability and Environmental Favourability:
 - Extended Lifespan: LEDs last approximately 15,000–25,000 hours, significantly outlasting CFLs (8,000 hours), incandescent bulbs (1,000 hours), and halogen lamps (3,000 hours). This longer lifespan reduces the frequency of replacements, lowering both consumer costs and environmental waste.
 - Reduced Replacement Frequency: Sales data from 2020 to 2025 indicate a 27% decline in LED sales and a 49% drop in non-LED lighting products. This downward trend suggests that LED technology's durability has reduced the need for frequent replacements, leading to a lower environmental impact from manufacturing, distribution, and disposal.
 - Mercury-Free and Energy Efficiency: New technologies contain no mercury and are highly energy-efficient, making them a safer and more sustainable lighting choice.

The industry continues to drive LED adoption, with market share increasing from 49% to 60% between 2020 and 2025, further emphasizing the shift toward environmentally friendly lighting solutions.

LIGHTING AS A SERVICE (LAAS):

Beyond LED efficiency, the lighting industry embraces the "Lighting as a Service" (LaaS) model to optimize energy consumption. LaaS involves integrating and managing lighting systems as part of facility management. Intelligent controls collect data, enabling efficient lighting control based on occupancy, activity patterns, and daylight levels. This strategic approach contributes to improved energy and carbon management performance.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE LIGHTING INDUSTRY

The lighting industry is increasingly considering circular economy principles in product design and lifecycle management.

1. Reusability:

- Manufacturers may incorporate design features that support product servicing or component replacement where feasible. In some lighting products, specific components, such as lenses, emitters, drivers, and modules may be replaceable while maintaining product safety and compliance with servicing requirements.

2. Recyclability:

- Lighting product manufacturers may incorporate recyclable materials into their products to support end-of-life recycling. However, the ultimate fate of these materials depends on the availability of processing facilities, as well as the technologies they use.

3. Packaging waste reduction:

- Lighting producers are actively exploring packaging design approaches that reduce packaging material use while maintaining product protection during transportation. Some packaging materials may include recycled content or sustainable materials where appropriate.

In summary, the lighting industry continues to evolve through improvements in energy efficient technology, phasing out traditional lighting technologies, and consideration of circular design approaches. These efforts may contribute to reductions in energy use and material waste across the lighting product lifecycle.

6. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

In 2025, in partnership with IWMC, the Program implemented various methods to raise consumer awareness of the Program. The following section provides details regarding communication and public education activities.

6.1. WEBSITE

The Product Care website includes the following content about the Program:

- “Find a Recycling Location” tool (a searchable map displaying collection site locations See ([Appendix 2](#))
- Collection site hours of operation.
- Accepted and not accepted products.
- Consumer videos showing the product management approach for lights.
- Program member support section with news and updates.
- Other information (e.g., a description of the Program, annual reports).

In 2025, productcare.org received an estimated 5,350 sessions from PEI (+208% vs 2024). Of these, 792 sessions visited PEI Light recycling program-specific pages and 1,319 the recycling locator, indicating strong user intent to participate in recycling efforts.

6.2. PROGRAM HOTLINE

Product Care and IWMC continued to operate a toll-free “hotline” for consumers to obtain information about the Program.

6.3. PARTNERSHIPS

Product Care continued to contract with IWMC to promote the Program (See examples in [Appendix 3](#)) in the province throughout the year by implementing the following tactics:

6.3.1. WASTE WATCH NEWS

Newsletters were distributed to Island residences (including seasonal dwellings and apartment units) in June and December 2025 through Canada Post. Residents and visitors could also pick up newsletters at the Access PEI locations, town halls, and IWMC sites. The newsletters were available in English and in French and contained a sorting guide including information on light products and recycling. Approximately 78,000 newsletters were distributed per issue. The newsletter is available on the IWMC website under the resources section.

6.3.2. INTERACTIVE SORTING GUIDE

The IWMC website featured a What Goes Where tool through Recycle Coach, providing customers easy access to sorting and disposal guidelines. The instructions on light bulbs included a direct link to the Program's website for a complete list of accepted and excluded products. This digital tool is available in English, French, and Simple Chinese.

6.3.3. SORTING GUIDE

IWMC's sorting guide includes light bulb disposal advice and a direct link Product Care's website in the special disposal section. This document has been translated into French, Mandarin, Spanish, and Arabic.

6.3.4. BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

Business Guides helped the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors manage waste. IWMC included Sorting Guides when distributing the Business Participant Guide, including a light bulbs disposal option. Sorting information for the business sector was also obtainable from IWMC's website.

6.3.5. CUSTOMER SERVICE ENQUIRIES

In addition to the Program hotline operated by Product Care, IWMC's Customer Service Centre operates a toll-free line where consumers could call in to request more information regarding the disposal of various recyclables, including light products. IWMC receives an average of 60,000 calls every year and answers queries through a customer service e-mail address as well.

6.3.6. CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT

Information on light bulbs recycling was highlighted in IWMC's Annual Report. The latest version of the annual report is made available on the IWMC website.

6.3.7. RECYCLE COACH

IWMC also offers the What Goes Where interactive sorting guide as a part of a mobile app called Recycle Coach. Light bulbs and fluorescent bulbs/tubes are included as searchable options in the interactive sorting guide. In addition to the interactive sorting guide, the app features quizzes and articles on proper sorting and disposal.

6.3.8. PRESENTATIONS & TOURS

Over 25 presentations were completed in 2025, which includes mention of safe disposal of light bulbs. These presentations take place at schools, community centers, and apartment complexes.

6.4. DIGITAL ADVERTISING

All digital campaigns (see examples in [Appendix 4](#)) reached the entire province.

6.4.1. GOOGLE SEARCH ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

A search advertising campaign served lights ads to provincial residents based on an extensive list of keyword searches relevant to the Program. These ads work according to user's queries on the Google Search engine.

6.4.2. BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT STRATEGY

Content focused on light recycling, special waste, and the recycling community in general was posted on Product Care's blog and shared through social media.

6.5. POINT OF SALE (POS) AND POINT OF RETURN (POR) MATERIALS

Product Care distributed both PoS and PoR materials as requested by retailers and collection sites. General program awareness posters were made available for reorder at no cost through productcare.org/materials. See [Appendix 5](#).

7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Table 4 summarizes the Program’s finances for the 2025 reporting year.

Table 4: 2025 financial summary

2024 Revenue and Expenses	\$
Total Revenue	97,617
Total Operating Expenses	122,900
Surplus/Deficit from Operations	(25,283)
Cumulative Surplus (Reserve)	34,953

APPENDIX 1 – PEI LAMPS 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL HANDLING FEE RATES

Accepted Lamp Products	2025 EHF's
Fluorescent Tubes measuring $\leq$ 2 feet	\$0.40
Fluorescent Tubes measuring $>$ 2 feet and $\leq$ 4 feet	\$0.80
Fluorescent Tubes measuring $>$ 4 feet	\$1.10
Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) / Screw-in induction lamps	\$0.30
Light Emitting Diodes (LED) – bulbs	\$0.20
Light Emitting Diodes (LED) – tubes and others	\$0.55
High intensity discharge (HID), germicidal, special purpose, and other	\$1.65
Incandescent / Halogen	\$0.20
Miniature Bulb Package (per-package)	\$0.20

APPENDIX 2 – RECYCLING LOCATOR TOOLS

Below is a snapshot of the “Find a Recycling Location” tool located at productcare.org.

The screenshot shows the 'Find a Recycling Location' tool interface. At the top, there is a teal header with a location pin icon and the title 'Find a Recycling Location'. Below the header, there is a search bar with two input fields: 'Location' (containing 'PEI, Canada') and 'What are you looking to recycle?' (containing 'Paint'). A red 'Search' button is to the right of these fields. Below the search bar, there is a map of Prince Edward Island showing various locations marked with red icons. A 'Location Key' box at the bottom of the map indicates that red house icons represent 'Depot', red car icons represent 'Retail', and red flag icons represent 'Event'. On the left side of the map, there are two detailed location cards. The first card is for 'New London, Central', located 7.22km away, with the address '10142 Route 6, Kensington, PE, C0B 2A0'. It lists 'Accepted products' with icons for paint cans, a paintbrush, and paint rollers. Below the list are buttons for 'Get Directions' and 'Website', and a 'More Details' link. The second card is for 'Sherwood BMR', located 33km away, with the address '423 Mt. Edward Road, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7K4'. It also lists 'Accepted products'.

Find a Recycling Location

Location: PEI, Canada

What are you looking to recycle?: Paint

Search

DEPOT

New London, Central 7.22km

10142 Route 6, Kensington, PE, C0B 2A0

Accepted products:

Get Directions

Website

More Details

DEPOT

Sherwood BMR 33km

423 Mt. Edward Road, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7K4

Accepted products:

Location Key: Depot Retail Event

APPENDIX 3 – IWMC PARTNERSHIP MATERIALS

10.1. IWMC SORTING GUIDE

SPECIAL DISPOSAL

PROPANE TANKS
 30 lb. or less: Propane tank exchange location or WWDC*
 Over 30 lb.: Propane dealer
 Cylinders: WWDC*
For businesses only cylinders are accepted at WWDC and disposal fee applies



LARGE BULKY FURNITURE
 Items larger than 4 ft or heavier than 50 lb are accepted at WWDC* for **FREE** disposal.
Businesses: disposal fee applies



LARGE APPLIANCES
 Bring to WWDC* for **FREE** disposal.



TIRES
 Return to place of purchase or WWDC*. *Tires without rims are FREE*



PRINTER CARTRIDGES
 Accepted at WWDC* for **FREE** and at most electronic retailers. Search *Printer Cartridges* at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort for more information.



HAZARDOUS WASTE
RESIDENTS: Bring to a WWDC* for **FREE** disposal - Must be in sealed original container. Jerry cans and other containers must be left behind with contents.
BUSINESSES: Businesses must dispose of hazardous material through a hazardous waste carrier. Visit www.iwmc.pe.ca/commercial for more information.

- fuel (gasoline, kerosene, etc.)
- silicone, caulking, adhesives
- aerosol cans (with contents)
- cosmetics & personal care products
- pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
- items with mercury
- pet medications
- cleaning products and more



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

AUTOMOTIVE LEAD ACID BATTERIES
 Bring to WWDC* for **FREE** disposal. Also accepted at place of purchase and licensed bottle depots.



LIGHT BULBS
 All types of bulbs removed from fixture are accepted for **FREE** at WWDC*. Call in advance for more than 16 bulbs. Visit www.productcare.org for drop-off locations and disposal instructions.



PRESCRIPTIONS, OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AND NATURAL HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS
RESIDENTS: Return to participating pharmacies. For disposal instructions & drop-off locations visit www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medications
BUSINESSES: Search Medication at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort
MEDICAL SHARPS (Needles, Syringes, Lancets, Epi-Pens)
RESIDENTS: Pick up free sharps container at participating pharmacies. When container is full, return to pharmacy. For disposal instructions & drop-off locations visit www.healthsteward.ca/returning-medical-sharps
BUSINESSES: Search Medical Sharps at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort
AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS (less than 50L container sizes)
 Motor oil, oil filters and containers; automotive antifreeze and containers; aerosol cans for propelled lubricant and brake cleaner. Bring to WWDC* for **FREE** disposal or return to collection facilities listed at www.uoma-atlantic.com
PAINT, STAINS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS
 Bring to WWDC* for **FREE** disposal, exceptions apply. Visit www.productcare.org for limits, guidelines and additional drop-off locations.



RECHARGEABLE AND NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES
 Accepted for **FREE** at WWDC*. Visit RecycleYourBatteries.ca for disposal instructions and additional drop-off locations. eMobility batteries are only accepted by participating retailers.



AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS
 Agricultural plastics such as relatively clean and dry silage wrap and twine are received free at WWDC's. For a complete list of what to recycle and where, visit cleanfarms.ca



ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
 Bring to WWDC* for **FREE** disposal. Call in advance when bringing more than 25 items. For additional drop-off locations visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pel/where-can-i-recycle

- Portable Air-Treatment Appliances (no A/Cs)
- Countertop Appliances
- Personal Care Appliances
- Time & Weight Measurement Devices
- Computers and Computer Accessories
- Phones and Pagers
- TVs and Monitors
- Photocopiers, Printers, Scanners and Multifunction Office Equipment
- Portable, Home and Vehicle Audio/Video Devices and Accessories
- Video Game Devices and Accessories/Electronic Readers
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Electronic Exercise Equipment
- Personal Activity Trackers (e.g., smart watch)
- eBikes and eScooters



For a complete list of items, search Sorting Guide at www.iwmc.pe.ca/sort or visit www.recycleMyelectronics.ca/pel/what-can-i-recycle

***WWDC = WASTE WATCH DROP-OFF CENTER**

10.2. IWMC RECYCLE COACH APP

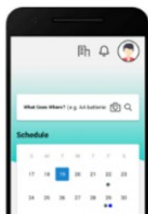
Interactive Sorting Guide

Report a Problem

What Goes Where

Resources

Become a better recycler by downloading the Recycle Coach app!



- ✓ Get pick-up reminders
- ✓ Emergency alerts about weather-related collection delays
- ✓ "What Goes Where" search tool
- ✓ Blogs, quizzes, polls & more!

Interactive Sorting Guide

Report a Problem

What Goes Where

Resources

Search for Recycling and Disposal Information

Lights

Search

Light Bulbs

Light Fixtures

Fluorescent Light Bulbs & Tubes

Electric Wiring & String Lights

Metal Beverage Cans (Coors Light)

Glass Beverage Bottles (Moscato Light)

Interactive Sorting Guide

Report a Problem

What Goes Where

Resources

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Light Recycling Program

Fluorescent Light Bulbs & Tubes

Compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent tubes contain a small amount of mercury (about enough to fit on the tip of a ball point pen). All lights that can be safely removed from a fixture (i.e. LED, halogen, fluorescent CLFs, linear, u-tubes, high intensity bulbs and incandescents must be returned for special disposal.

Visit www.productcare.org for drop-off locations or take to a Waste Watch Drop-Off Center. No charge, however please call in advance for more than 16 bulbs.



Drop-off Locations

Light Recycle

What Happens Next?

What is Hazardous Waste?

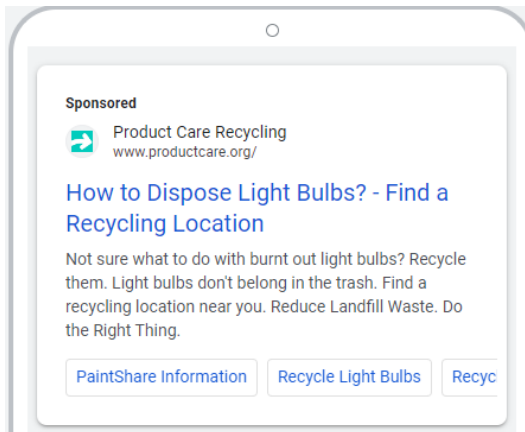
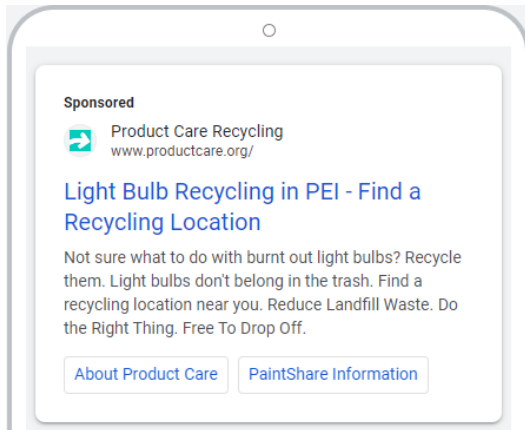


We've been taught to recycle. Now it's time to learn to recycle correctly. Download the Recycle Coach app.



APPENDIX 4 – DIGITAL ADVERTISING ACTIVITIES

11.1. GOOGLE SEARCH ADS



11.2. BLOG POST

What you need to know about Canada's updated mercury-lamp regulations



[Back to Blog](#)

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has finalized amendments to the [Products Containing Mercury Regulations](#). The amendments are now in effect, and the lamp-related phase-out dates will roll out between 2026 and 2029. Product Care shared [an initial notice](#) with lighting members last year when the amendments were first published.

Here's a clear look at what's changing and what lighting members may want to think about as they plan ahead.

Why these amendments were updated

These federal changes are part of a broader effort to reduce mercury releases, meet Canada's international commitments, and phase out lamp types that now have widely available mercury-free alternatives, such as LED.

If you're interested in how lighting technology has evolved over time, we've also shared a history of light bulbs in Canada that follows the transition from early lamp types to more efficient modern technologies.



What's being phased out

Starting [January 1, 2026](#), several common mercury-containing lamps used for general lighting will start moving out of the market, with additional restrictions coming in later years. These include:

- Screw-base and pin-base compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
- Straight and non-linear fluorescent lamps
- High-pressure sodium vapour lamps
- Metal halide lamps

The transition continues over the following years. High-intensity discharge lamps enter their selling prohibition on December 31, 2028, and both high-pressure sodium vapour and metal halide lamps move out of the market starting January 1, 2029.

What isn't affected

Some specialized lamps remain permitted because they are used in medical, dental, treatment systems, and horticultural applications where replacement options are limited. These products continue to follow ECCC's requirements. For a full list of exemptions, please refer to the federal [Regulations](#).



Assorted used lamps and CFLs collected for recycling.

What lighting members may want to plan for

As these timelines begin to take effect, it may be helpful to:

- Review your current product offerings with the phase-out dates in mind
- Speak with suppliers about long-term availability and replacement strategies
- Identify customer groups still using mercury-containing fixtures and prepare communications
- Consider how increased demand for mercury-free lighting options may shape your ordering or inventory

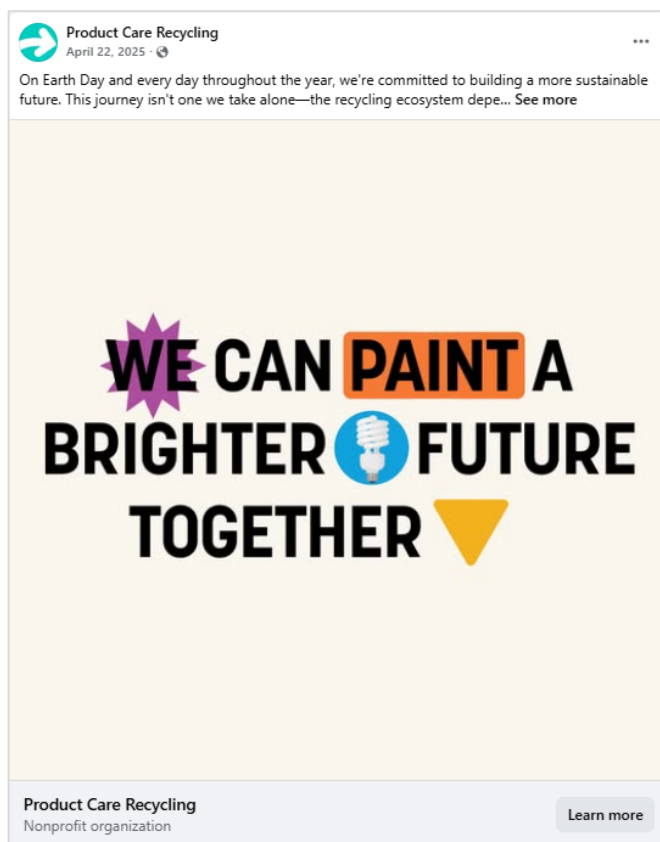
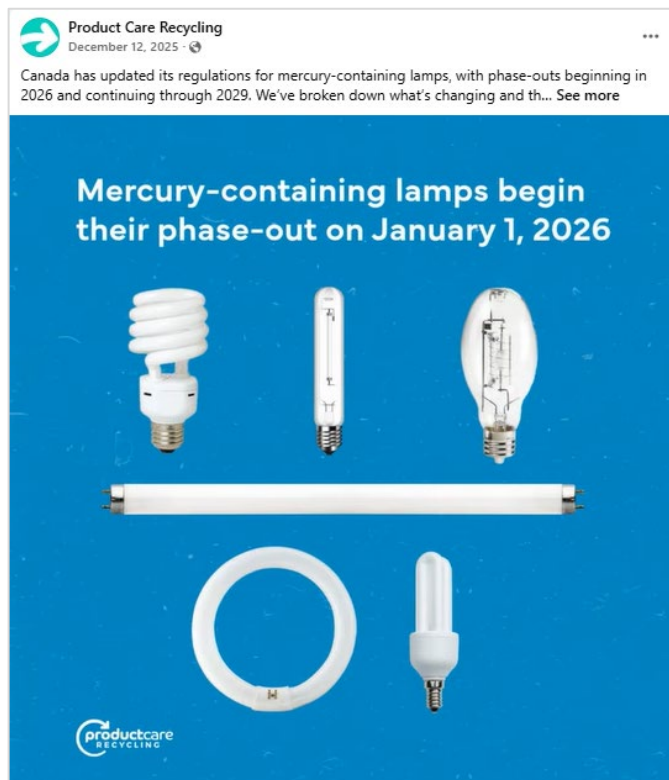
Where to find full regulatory details

For full definitions, timelines, and exemption details, visit:

- [Products Containing Mercury Regulations \(SOR/2014-254\)](#)
- [Canada Gazette amendments](#)
- [ECCC overview and infographic](#)

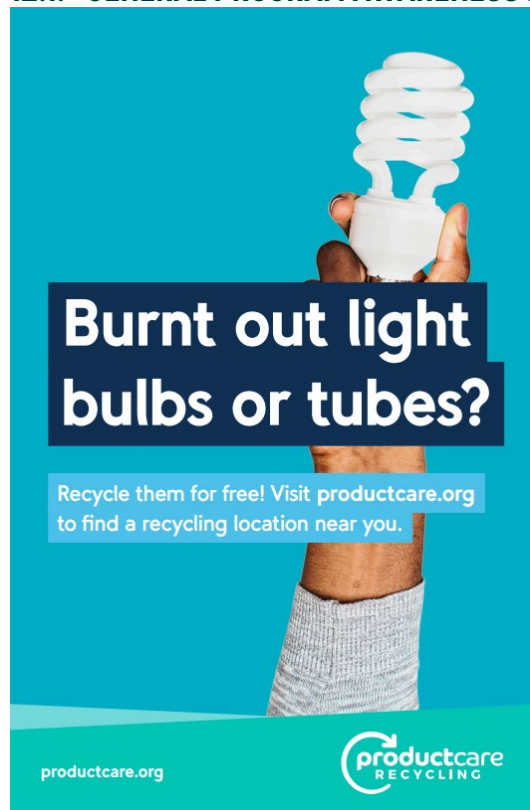
Product Care does not administer mercury compliance but we share updates like this to help members plan ahead. We'll continue sharing relevant updates as more guidance becomes available.

11.3. SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



APPENDIX 5 – POS AND POR MATERIALS

12.1. GENERAL PROGRAM AWARENESS POSTERS



12.2. LIGHTS RACK CARD

