



## Operation Change Out

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Mahalo to our Families for providing our maintenance teams access to their homes to implement an important program -- Operation Change Out, the replacement of incandescent bulbs with compact florescent bulbs (CFL). The program is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Defense (DoD) and is the first national, military-focused energy-efficiency campaign to encourage every serviceman and woman to save energy, money, and protect the environment by replacing inefficient, incandescent light bulbs. AHFH is among 10 military residential projects managed by Actus Lend Lease that was invited to participate in the program, and the company has committed to installing 400,000 CFLs across its projects.

## CFLs and Mercury

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- CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury, an average of 5 milligrams, which is roughly equivalent to an amount that would cover the tip of a ball-point pen. By comparison, older thermometers contain about 500 milligrams of mercury.
- Because CLFs contain a small amount of mercury, they should be disposed of properly, ideally recycled. AHFH suggests taking your CLFs to Home Depot, which has a CFL recycling program in place.
- If a CFL breaks at home, any adult can easily and safely clean it up themselves. Air out the room, and then follow clean-up recommendations that can be found at [www.energystar.gov/CFLsandMercury](http://www.energystar.gov/CFLsandMercury).