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## South Central Indiana REMC

300 Morton Ave., Martinsville, IN 46151

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## REMC and Local Libraries to Recycle CFL's

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Martinsville- South Central Indiana REMC along with three area libraries has set up drop off centers for the recycling of your compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's). Three participating area libraries; Morgan County Library (Main Branch), Monroe County Public Library (Ellettsville) and the Brown County Public Library as well as the REMC office at 300 Morton Ave., Martinsville will help dispose of your used CFL's. This service is at no charge to those who participate.

Each library site has a recycling bucket and sign prominently on display for area residents to dispose of their burned out CFL's. The CFL's contain a small amount of mercury that needs to be disposed of in a safe manner. Once the buckets are filled they will be sent to the recycling center for disposition, and another bucket will be replaced at the participating libraries.

Why recycle CFL's? Each CFL bulb contains 4 mg of mercury, if the bulb remains in tact and is recycled, that mercury can be collected and reused. If the bulb is broken, the mercury can be released into the environment.

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SCI REMC encourages the use of compact fluorescent bulbs in place of incandescent. CFL's provide the same light output at a fraction of the cost of a standard incandescent bulb. CFL's use a fraction of the energy that it takes for a standard incandescent bulb and they last up to 10 times longer. Most of us are always looking for a way to save more money. Using CFL's is one way to save money, while saving energy.

South Central Indiana REMC, along with other utilities, energy-efficiency organizations, retailers, manufacturers, and consumers across the country, has joined the ENERGY STAR® Change a Light, Change the World Campaign - a national challenge to help Americans change the world one light, one step at a time.

To calculate your savings by replacing your incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, go to the REMC website at [www.scriemc.coop](http://www.scriemc.coop) , click on Your Energy Efficiency on the right hand side of the home page and follow the prompts to the CFL calculator. For more information about energy saving ideas or to join the Change a Light, Change the World Campaign, click on the Energy Star® link from the REMC website.

South Central Indiana REMC is the largest distribution cooperative in the state of Indiana serving more than 33,000 members in a seven county area including: Morgan, Monroe, Brown, Owen, and parts of Putnam, Clay and Johnson counties. For more information on the member-owned cooperative, visit [www.sciremccoop.com](http://www.sciremccoop.com).

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