

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**SEATTLE GREEN RETAILER ECOHAUS INITIATES FREE CFL RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Who: **ecohaus**

What: now offering *free*, safe compact fluorescent bulb disposal

When: beginning Monday, June 30, 2008

Where: 4121 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Seattle 98134

**Seattle, WA. June 27, 2008.** Seattleites looking for a safe, free way to dispose of their used compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) need look no further than **ecohaus!** Located in South Seattle, the green building supply store is now a collection station for those tricky-to-dispose-of bulbs.

As the national movement to get households to switch from incandescent bulbs to CFLs has gained momentum, little has been done to provide people with a safe and easy way to discard of the bulbs when they finally burn out. Through Ecolights Northwest, **ecohaus** is helping to fill that void. CFLs contain small amounts of mercury and so they should not be thrown out with the household garbage the way that people are used to doing with incandescent bulbs.

Beginning on Monday, June 30, 2008, people can bring their used CFL bulbs to **ecohaus** for safe disposal. While many locations that accept old bulbs for recycling charge a rate for the service, **ecohaus** is one of the few places locally where you can drop the bulbs off for free! At this time, the program only extends to the spiral coil bulbs (not used fluorescent tubes.) Drop-off hours will be the same as the store hours – Monday – Friday, 8am – 6 pm; Saturday, 10am – 5 pm; and Sunday, 11am – 5pm. In addition to collecting old CFL bulbs, they also sell a full range of CFLs in partnership with Seattle City Light – making **ecohaus** a one-stop shop for your household lighting errands.

**About ecohaus:**

Founded in 1992, **ecohaus** (formerly the Environmental Home Center) helped pioneer the market for "green" building materials. A leading supplier of green products in the northwest and in the nation, we offer stylish, durable and price competitive building and finish materials that are resource-efficient, energy-efficient and better for people's health. Our product lines include sustainably harvested wood flooring and cabinets, low-toxic paints and wood finishes, wool and plant-fiber carpets, true linoleum, tiles, countertops, decking, dual flush toilets, cotton insulation and more!

**ecohaus** has showrooms and professional sales teams in Seattle and Portland, with a new Bellevue location slated to open in August of 2008. In addition to their storefronts, they have a national call center that serves homeowners and building professionals in all 50 states. Once open, the new Bellevue store will also accept CFLs for recycling at no charge.

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