

Lighting Category Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I charged an ECO fee on my purchase?

ECO fees are used to support provincial recycling and disposal programs to keep end-of-life products out of our landfills and waterways. These diversion programs help protect our environment and our communities

What does the ECO fee cover?

ECO fees cover the collection, transportation, recycling or safe disposal of hazardous and special materials, which currently have provincially run recycling programs in place.





Who sets these fees?

Stewardship organizations (provincially approved recycling programs) set the fees each year to cover these recycling programs costs.




If the item is purchased and returned, will the ECO fee be reimbursed?

Yes, if you paid an ECO fee when you purchased a product, we will refund that fee if you decide to return your purchase.

Lighting Category Definitions

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	EHF
1. Fluorescent tubes measuring less than or equal to 2 ft	Includes all diameters and light outputs, shaped fluorescent tubes, and UV- A and UV- B tubes (unless captured under Category 7). 	\$0.20
2. Fluorescent tubes measuring greater than 2 ft and up to or equal to 4 ft		\$0.40
3. Fluorescent tubes measuring greater than 4 ft		\$0.80
4. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL)/ Screw-In Induction Lamps	Fluorescent bulbs that are typically similar in size and intended to replace an incandescent (traditional) light bulb, including pin-type sockets, covered CFLs and various output wattages. Includes screw-in induction lamps. 	\$0.15
5. Light Emitting Diodes (LED) - Bulbs	Solid-state bulbs that are typically similar in size and intended to replace CFLs or traditional incandescent/halogen light bulbs, including pin-type or screw-in bulbs of various output wattages. (Note: Miniature bulbs are captured under Category 9.) 	\$0.20
6. Light Emitting Diodes (LED) – Tubes and Other	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). 	\$0.55

Lighting Product Guide Ontario

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	EHF
<p>7. High Intensity Discharge (HID), Germicidal, Special Purpose and Other</p>	<p>Includes all HID technologies, such as High Pressure Sodium (HPS), Low Pressure Sodium (LPS), Mercury Vapour and Metal Halide, as well as UV- C / Germicidal lamps and tubes, Tubular Induction lamps (circular, square, U etc.), UHP replacement lamps (projector etc.), Neon replacement lamps, etc.</p> 	<p>\$1.10</p>
<p>8. Incandescent / Halogen</p>	<p>Filament lamps of all shapes, sizes and wattages (unless captured under Category 9)</p> 	<p>\$0.05</p>
<p>9. Miniature Bulb Package</p>	<p>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 for applications such as: portable lighting (i.e., handheld flashlights), indicating, signaling, signage, emergency, electronic displays, automotive and transportation and decorative light strings/tape/ribbon/rope.</p> <p>Miniature bulbs are often sold in packages of two or more. Fees will be assessed on a per-package basis and NOT on a per-unit basis (as with all other lamp categories). Note: If miniature bulbs that meet this definition are sold individually and not in a package of two or more, the bulbs can be reported and assessed fees as if in packages in multiples of 10. For example, if in a reporting period, 41 single bulbs that meet this definition were sold individually, they would be reported as five “packages of 10” and assessed five fees.</p> <p>Some examples of common base types for miniature bulbs are provided below. Please note this list is not exhaustive.</p> 	<p>\$0.10</p>