



## ACT 225, Lighting Ban FAQ

For information on how you can upgrade your lighting, visit [HawaiiEnergy.com/Lighting](https://HawaiiEnergy.com/Lighting).

### What is the lighting ban?

The Hawai'i Clean Lighting Standards Act ([Act 225](#), 2023) began on January 1, 2025 and **prohibits the sale of fluorescent lighting; it will be in full effect by January 1, 2026**. This means lighting distributors in Hawai'i will no longer be able to sell fluorescent lamps, so businesses will have to upgrade to LEDs when they need to replace existing fluorescents.

### Why is the lighting ban taking place?

The ban is part of a larger policy effort to achieve Hawaii's mandated goals to reduce energy consumption statewide. LEDs are up to 80% more energy-efficient than fluorescent bulbs, do not contain any mercury, and can last three to five times longer. Switching to LEDs can save businesses and residents up to 90% on lighting energy costs over time. Hawai'i taxpayers are expected to save \$382 million in electric bills by 2050, according to Act 225.

### How does this effect Hawai'i Energy rebates?

Hawai'i Energy's rebates are designed to incentivize residents and businesses to choose energy-efficient products that save energy above the baseline codes and standards. As a result of this fluorescent lighting ban, LED lighting will become the new baseline mandated in the energy code. Some lighting rebates have already ended (as of March 1, 2025), and additional rebates will phase out on March 1, 2026.

### If I want to purchase LED lighting now, how can I receive a Hawaii Energy rebate?

There's no better time than now to replace old lighting and take advantage of extra savings available for a limited time. LEDs to replace currently eligible fluorescent lighting must be

purchased by February 28, 2026 to receive a rebate. Please see the list of rebates [here](#) and contact us at [hawaiienergy@leidos.com](mailto:hawaiienergy@leidos.com) to learn more.

### **What rebates have already phased out?**

- Decorative: Candelabra, Medium Base
- Directional: MR, PAR
- Downlight (Recessed)
- Omni-Directional: Screw/GU Base

### **What rebates will be phased out next?**

The following types will be removed from the eligibility list beginning March 1, 2026:

- Linear
- Troffer
- U-bend fluorescent lighting

### **Is there a deadline to upgrade from fluorescents to LEDs?**

LEDs for fluorescent replacements must be purchased by February 28, 2026 to receive an eligible rebate.

### **How do I get started?**

[Send us your info](#) and one of our Energy Advisors will reach out to you!

### **Where can I purchase replacement lighting?**

Using one of Hawaii Energy's member distributors is the easiest way to ensure you receive a rebate on your lighting purchase. Find an Instant Rebate Lighting distributor from this [list](#).

### **Can I still buy fluorescent lamps online and ship them here?**

Online vendors are subject to the same rules set in statute through the Hawai'i Clean Lighting Standards Act, which **prohibits the sale of fluorescent lighting in the State.** (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a screw or bayonet base type compact fluorescent lamp; and

(2) Beginning January 1, 2026, a pin-base type compact fluorescent lamp or linear fluorescent lamp.

**Do I need to remove all the fluorescent lighting by this time?**

No, but you will not be able to purchase replacement fluorescents for your existing lighting when it burns out, and you will not be able to get rebates for LEDs once the ban is in effect.

**Why haven't I heard about this before?**

Hawai'i Energy has been sharing about this ban since 2023. To get the most up-to-date information on Hawai'i Energy rebates and to ensure you are aware of future energy efficiency policies that may impact you, please sign up for our monthly business newsletter [here](#).