



ACT 225, Lighting Ban FAQ

For information on how you can upgrade your lighting, visit HawaiiEnergy.com/Lighting.

What is the lighting ban?

The Hawai'i Clean Lighting Standards Act ([Act 225](#), 2023) is in full effect as of January 1, 2026 and **prohibits the sale of fluorescent lighting**. This means lighting distributors in Hawai'i cannot 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. According to Act 225, Hawai'i taxpayers are expected to save \$382 million in electric bills by 2050.

How does this affect 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 standard.

Lighting projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through our Custom rebate program. Custom rebates are based on projected energy savings for new construction or retrofits (replacements) and rebate requests must be pre-approved by Hawaii Energy before equipment purchase. Please contact us at hawaiienergy@leidos.com to discuss your project.

What lighting rebates have been phased out?

Rebates for the following types of bulbs/lamps are no longer being offered:

- Decorative: Candelabra, Medium Base
- Directional: MR, PAR
- Downlight (Recessed)
- Omni-Directional: Screw/GU Base
- Linear
- Troffer
- U-bend
- Pin-base

What rebates are still available?

Rebates for the following types of bulbs/lamps are still available:

- Corn Cobs
- Exit SignsOccupancy Sensors

Customized lighting rebates are still available for the following projects:

- Replacing currently-operating fluorescents with LEDs
- Exterior – e.g. Wall Pack, Pole, Flood
- High Bay
- Horticulture Lighting
- Networked Lighting Controls
- Luminaire-Level Lighting Controls

Contact hawaiienergy@leidos.com to see if your business qualifies for a customiz lighting 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 Hawai'i 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](#).

Find a certified Clean Energy Ally contractor 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 my fluorescent lighting immediately?

No, but you can no longer purchase replacement fluorescents for your existing lighting when it burns out, and many Hawai'i Energy rebates for LEDs are no longer available (see above).

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](#).