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Carefree Arizona – The Carefree / Cave Creek Community Recycling Partnership has purchased, the first in Arizona, Vapor Vacuum Lamp Compactor for recycling fluorescent light bulbs and other tubes which contain harmful mercury. The PestWest[®] Lamp Compactor will be housed at Rural/Metro Fire Department Station which will be open to the citizens of Cave Creek and the surrounding areas to drop off their used mercury containing lighting.

The coordinator for the Carefree recycling scheme Councilman Bob Coady attended a demonstration of the compactor and after researching the dangers of mercury contamination to the environment decided that purchasing the PestWest machine was 'just the right thing to do'.

Said Coady: 'One fluorescent bulb contains enough mercury to contaminate up to 30,000 liters of water and at the moment people are just throwing the waste tubes into the garbage'.

The PestWest[®] Vapor Vacuum Lamp Compactor is a chemical waste collection and compacting system and can crush any length of fluorescent bulb in seconds while safely recovering the hazardous mercury vapors.

This Compactor was purchased at the right time as well. The communities' annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day is being held on March 12th. Any community citizens can contact Councilman Coady at 480-488-3565 or the Cave Creek recycling coordinator Marshal Adam Stein at 480-488-6636.

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