



## SunLite® T-8 Fluorescent Bulbs

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Hg – LAMP CONTAINS MERCURY**

#### **Manage in Accordance with Disposal Laws**

See [www.lamprecycle.org](http://www.lamprecycle.org) or  
call 1-800-427-3363 for information

T-8 bulbs are only for use in light fixtures that are specifically designed for T-8 bulbs. Be sure to check the labeling on your fixture to make sure it is specifically identified as being compatible with T-8 bulbs.

Do not use T-8 bulbs in light fixtures that take T-12 bulbs. T-8 bulbs can fit and work in a T-12 ballast, but the strength of a T-12 ballast will shorten the usable lifespan of the T-8 bulbs by 30% or more and may result in overheating the fixture, causing a fire hazard.

#### **Getting the Most From Your Lights**

Sunlite T-8 Fluorescent Bulbs are 20% more energy efficient than conventional grow lights and last up to 4,000 hours longer. Even after 10,000 hours of use, they retain 95% of their original output. Sunlite T-8 Bulbs use quiet electronic ballasts and contain less mercury, which is good for the environment.

Replace the bulb when the ends of the tube darken because the output may be less than half the output of a new bulb. Clean them monthly with a soft dry cloth to prevent dust, which can dramatically reduce the light output.

We recommend replacing SunLite T-8 bulbs after 24,000 hours of use. When it's time to replace them, please dispose of them safely at your recycling center.

**Did you know?** The number after the T refers to the x/8" diameter of the fluorescent bulb. So, a T-5 bulb is 5/8" in diameter; a T-8 bulb is 1" in diameter; and a T-12 is 1-1/2" in diameter.

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