



Household Mercury Search

This Mercury Search check sheet can help you locate mercury containing items in your home. Using this Mercury Search, you can go through your home placing a check mark by the items you find that contain Mercury. Do this Mercury Search as a reminder that the Mercury containing items should be recycled, not disposed of in the trash. These items should also be out of reach of children. Make sure that any unnecessary Mercury items are removed from your home and recycled.

- _____ Thermometers with silver-colored liquid inside.
- _____ Thermostats – non-electronic.
- _____ Fluorescent and other mercury vapor lighting -- HD (high intensity discharge), metal halide, high-pressure sodium and neon bulbs.
- _____ Automotive headlamps- blue tint when lit.
- _____ Pilot light sensors in some gas appliances: stoves, ovens, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, space heaters.
- _____ Gauges -- barometers, manometers, blood pressure and vacuum gauges with silver-colored liquid.
- _____ Switches and relays in some chest freezers, pre-1972 washing machines, Sump and bilge pumps, electric space heaters, silent light switches, vehicles and farm equipment.
- _____ Clothes irons with automatic or tilt shut-offs.
- _____ Elemental mercury -- silver-colored liquid metal sometimes found in children's chemistry sets.
- _____ Vintage toys -- toy drawing screens and mercury maze games.
- _____ LA Gear athletics shoes -- made before 1997 with flashing lights in soles.
- _____ Batteries- mercuric oxide and some alkaline batteries.
- _____ Paint -- latex manufactured before 1990, and some oil base-paints; check the label.
- _____ Thimerosal or merbromin- in some antibacterial products.

What to do with Mercury Containing Items

Do not throw Mercury items into the trash. Mercury containing items do not disappear when they are placed in the trash. NEVER pour Mercury down the drain. It finds its way into the environment. Take Mercury containing items to recycling locations identified by the Allen County Solid Waste Management District.

Additional information about household Mercury and pollution prevention is available at www.in.gov/idem/ctap/mercury

or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management
at 800-988-7901

