

Mercury Thermometers & Thermostats

Items such as **thermometers** should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off site. See our Hazardous Waste webpage for drop-off site locations. Please view additional information on mercury spills and the effect of mercury in our environment.

For the correct disposal of **thermostats**, please contact the [Thermostat Recycling Corporation](#).

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A MERCURY SPILL?

Keep all people and pets away! Minimize vapors by turning off fans, heaters. Mercury will evaporate slowly at room temperature and vapors can be harmful.

Never use a vacuum or Broom!

Do **NOT** touch Mercury. Put on gloves, preferably rubber and scoop up using index cards and put in a zip lock bag or air tight container. Small beads can be sucked up using an eye dropper or sponge. Make sure you put the whole sponge or eye dropper in the bag and drop off at a local Hazardous Waste collection site. If it spills on a rug cut out the contaminated piece and bag it. Use a flash light to reflect light off small mercury beads making them easier to spot.

For spill larger than a thermometer call!

Spill Report Line 1-800-943-0003