

MICHIGAN MERCURY COLLECTION PROGRAM

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

**Drop off your Mercury items at the
Bay County Health
Department!**

Collection Times:

M-F 8:30am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm

**Questions? Call our Environment Health
Department: (989) 895-4006**

Starting now through the end of September 2014

Examples of Some Common Items That Contain Mercury :

- Thermostats: non-electronic
- Thermometers: silver-colored liquid inside
- Gauges: barometers, manometers, blood pressure and vacuum gauges with silver colored liquid
- Switches, Relays and Sensors: appliances, farm equipment, float, tilt and pressure switches, etc.
- Dental Amalgam: material used in dentistry
- Hygrometers and Hydrometers: moisture and gravity measurement instruments
- Elemental Mercury: silver-colored liquid metal

Fluorescent bulbs are excluded from this program



Be sure to travel safely with your Mercury!!!

Make a Mercury Carrier

Before heading off to a recycling site, you will want to make a Mercury Carrier to protect the mercury-containing item from breaking during transport.

There are many ways that you can make a Mercury Carrier. The most important thing is that you have a double layer of protection in case the item breaks.

Some things that you can use to make a Mercury Carrier are:

Zip-top bags
Small storage container (ex. Plastic)
Newspaper
Paper towel

Place your protected mercury in a coffee can (metal or plastic is acceptable)

1. Wrap each item in paper towel or newspaper to protect it from breaking.
2. Choose a container that the item with mercury will fit in. Place the wrapped mercury item inside the container and seal it.
3. Place that container in a SECOND container, like an empty paint can or coffee can. Seal the second container tightly.
4. Label your Mercury Carrier with the mercury containing item and the date.

ONLY UNBROKEN MERCURY CONTAINERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

