

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSING OF MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS

Homeowners, This Includes You!

As of January 1, 2008, the disposal of mercury-containing products at landfills, transfer stations and incinerators is prohibited. This means these items may not be disposed of as a solid waste with the "normal" garbage. The ban covers products including:

- ◆ Thermometers
- ◆ Fluorescent lamps
- ◆ Thermostats
- ◆ Mercury button cell batteries
- ◆ Switches and relays

Homeowners and businesses alike are subject to this ban. However, the ban does not prohibit the recycling of these items at solid waste facilities and we encourage consumers to bring them to their local facility for recycling along with their other recyclables. Legal disposal options include:

- ◆ Collection and Recycling at Municipal Facilities
- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
- ◆ True Value and Ace Fluorescent Lamp Recycling Stores
- ◆ Municipal and Commercial Thermostat Recycling Locations

Sixty-three towns currently accept fluorescent lamps and of those, 29 also accept and recycle other mercury-containing products.

