

# Household Mercury Search

Use this Mercury Search to locate mercury-containing items in your home. Store these items out of children's reach. Handle the products carefully to avoid breakage or spills. Remove unnecessary mercury-containing items from your home and take them to your Sandusky County Household Hazardous Waste Collections. For items that are still being use, mark them with labels or some other form of identification as a reminder to ensure that they are disposed of properly when they have served their useful life.

In the following checklist place an;

“M” on items that have been marked for future recycling or

“R” for those items that have been Recycled or properly Removed

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thermometers** - silver-colored liquid inside.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thermostats** – not electronic

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fluorescent and other type lighting** - HID (high intensity discharge), metal halide, high-pressure sodium and neon bulbs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Automotive headlamps** - blue tint when lit.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pilot light sensors** - in gas appliances: stoves, ovens, furnaces, etc...

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gauges** - barometers, manometers, blood pressure and vacuum gauges.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Switches and relays** – some chest freezers, pre-1972 washing machines, sump pumps, electric space heaters, silent light switches, vehicles & farm equipment.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clothes irons** - automatic or tilt shut-offs

\_\_\_\_\_ **Elemental mercury** - silver-colored liquid metal (sometimes found in children's chemistry sets) if found in bulk please notify the City immediately

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vintage toys** - toy drawing screens and mercury maze games.

\_\_\_\_\_ **LA Gear® athletic 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 label.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thimerosal or merbromin** - in some antibacterial products

## Disposing of Mercury-Containing Items

Keep these items out of the trash, out of the sewer drain, and out of the reach of children. Dispose of them during Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates sponsored by the County Solid Waste District or through City Collection Programs. In case of spills call the **Ohio EPA's Spill Hotline at 1-800-282-9378** or follow the guidance provided by the Ohio Department of Health at the following Web page; [http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ODHPrograms/HLTH\\_AS/chemfs1.htm](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ODHPrograms/HLTH_AS/chemfs1.htm).