



# Mercury Reduction Program

Protecting public health and our environment through mercury education, collection, and reduction programs.

Mercury is a metal found in a liquid state at room temperature. Mercury appears as a silvery liquid that is most well-known for its use in thermometers. Mercury is a **neurotoxin** in humans that affects the **brain, spinal cord, kidneys, and liver**. Young children and women who are or could become pregnant are most at risk. Mercury poisoning can result from exposure to water contaminated with mercury, inhalation of mercury vapors, or from ingesting mercury.

## Take Mercury Down a Notch!

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Be aware of the Effects of mercury poisoning

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Check your home for any of the products noted in the table

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Dispose mercury-containing products in a safe manner

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Educate your friends and family about mercury

### Protect yourself and others!

Wrap up mercury-containing items in a sealed plastic container or double bag materials in sealed sandwich

Product	Description	What to Do
Thermometer	Silver liquid in tube	Bring to a <b>Thermometer Drop Off Location</b> (see below)
Alkaline Batteries	Bought before 1990 (check expiration Date)	Acceptable to dispose of in the trash
Thermostat	A non-electric dial-type model for regulation of temperature	Take to the <b>Marathon County Solid Waste Department</b> for safe disposal. You will need to make an appointment at:  <b>(715) 446-3101 Extension 100</b>  Typically, residents are able to dispose of these materials without fee, but businesses may need to pay a fee for disposal.
Fluorescent Lights	A long or curved light bulb in the shape of a tube	
Mercurochrome	An outdated antiseptic for cuts and scrapes	
Certain Maze Toys	Older versions of maze-type toys may contain mercury	
Light up or Noisemaking Shoes	Produced between 1991 and 1994 these shoes could contain mercury	
Chemistry Sets	Certain chemistry sets could contain mercury	
Vials/Jars of Mercury	Small containers of mercury that could have been used for ceremonial purposes, as jewelry, or for display	

## Thermometer Drop Off Locations

Marathon County Health Department – 1000 Lake View Drive, Wausau (715) 261-1900

Wausau Fire Department – 606 Thomas Street, Wausau: (715) 261-7900

Rothschild Municipal Center – 211 Grand Avenue, Rothschild: (715) 359-3660

Rib Mountain Fire Department – 5901 Hummingbird Road, Wausau: (715) 355-6763

Schofield Municipal Center – 200 Park Street, Schofield: (715) 359-5230

Kronenwetter Municipal Center – 1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Mosinee: (715) 693-4200

Mosinee City Hall – 225 Main Street, Mosinee: (715) 693-2275



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