

5 Things Contractors Should Know

1. Know the law.

It is illegal to throw products containing mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs and old thermostats, in the garbage.

2. Contain the product.

Place products containing mercury inside a larger container with a tight-fitting lid. Buffer the product with kitty litter or other oil-absorbent material to prevent it from breaking.

3. Clearly label.

Mark the storage container as "Mercury: DO NOT OPEN."

4. Store safely.

Store contained products out of reach of children and pets before bringing them to a disposal facility.

5. Transport carefully.

Transport in a cardboard box in the back of a pick-up truck or in a trunk. Secure the box to prevent shifting and tipping.