**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.