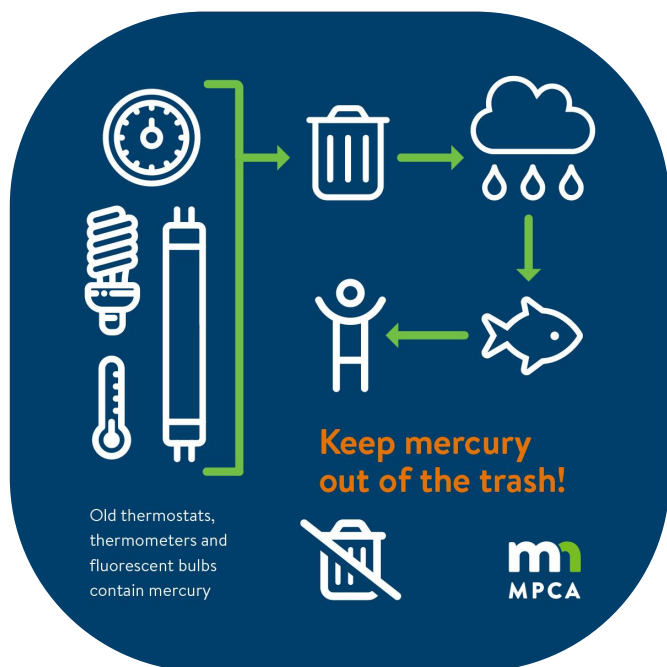




How to Dispose of Household **MERCURY**

Mercury is a dangerous toxin commonly found in household and industrial materials. Mercury does not breakdown into less harmful substances over time and cannot be reclaimed or eliminated once released into the environment. Mercury reduces the efficiency of our wastewater treatment process and negatively impacts human health and wildlife.



Household Items That Contain Mercury

- **Flourescent Bulbs**
- **Old Thermostats**
- **Thermometers**

Products that still contain mercury are less common but still pose a risk to human health. When these items are broken or thrown away, mercury can escape into the environment.

What is the City Doing?

Check out our website at:

ci.buffalo.mn.us/606/Mercury-Regulations

Human Health and Environmental Concerns of Mercury

When deposited mercury ends up in lakes or oceans, it can accumulate in fish. Eating contaminated fish is a primary way people are exposed to mercury. As fish eat plankton and smaller fish that are contaminated, mercury concentrations increase. Large fish such as bass, walleye, and northern pike tend to be the most contaminated. Check out the MPCA website at:

pca.state.mn.us/pollutants-and-contaminants/mercury

Dispose Your Household Mercury Here



Please drop off **MERCURY** containing items at the **Wright County Recycling Facility**.



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co.wright.mn.us/162/Compost-Recycling-Facility