

The accumulation of mercury in the environment and food chain is a serious environmental and human health hazard.

Effective July 12, 2005 a new law bans the sale of mercury-added novelty products and mercury-ferver thermometers in New York State, and requires new labeling and proper disposal or recycling of mercury-added consumer products.

Disposal of mercury-added products by most businesses will not be allowed in the normal trash and must be managed separately by an authorized solid waste, recycling or hazardous waste facility. Residents can deliver mercury-added products to county Household Recycling Days.

Additional information about the disposal of mercury-containing products for businesses may be obtained by contacting the NYS DEC Hazardous Waste Regulation Bureau at (518) 402-8633.

For local recycling information, call the Westchester County Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5420 or visit Westchestergov.com/recycling.

Businesses: RECYCLE YOUR MERCURY



It's the Law



Starting July 12, 2005, disposal of mercury-added consumer waste products must be managed separately from other solid waste.

In recent years, Westchester County Executive Andy Spano and the Board of Legislators passed legislation to get mercury out of the waste stream and expand the ban on mercury. These initiatives include the recycling of mercury-containing car switches and banning the sale of mercury fever thermometers and the use of mercury gas pressure gauges.

On July 12, 2005, New York state law will begin regulating the manufacture, sale and disposal of mercury-added products.

Mercury-added products include, but are not limited to:

- Fluorescent lamps
- HID (High Intensity Discharge) lamps
- Car mercury switches
- Mercury thermometers
- Thermostats
- Electrical relays & other electrical devices

Schools and businesses, which include retailers, offices and many other public and private institutions, should contact recycling companies, such as those listed here, for safe disposal of mercury added products.

For information on the law, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or contact the New York DEC Hazardous Waste Regulation Bureau at (518)402-8633.

Companies that offer full services to businesses for the handling of fluorescent lamps and other mercury added devices:

Eastern Environmental, Inc.

Port Chester, NY
(800) 808-PCBS or (800) 808-7227
www.easternenvironmental.com

Safety Kleen Corp.

W. Nyack, NY
(845) 353-0900
www.safety-kleen.com

Northeast Lamp Recycling

East Windsor, CT
(888) 657-5267 (ext. 102)
www.nlrlamp.com

AERC Recycling Solutions

Allentown, PA
(800) 949-1553 (ext. 213)
www.aercrecycling.com

American Lamp Recycling

Wappingers Falls, NY
(800) 315-6262

U.S.A. Lamp & Ballast, Inc.

Milton, NY
(845) 795-1282

Onyx Electronic Recycling

Stroughton, MA
(781) 341-6080
www.onyxes.com

Tri State Environmental Corp.

Hawthorne, NY
(914) 592-3385

We Recycle

Meriden, CT
www.werecycle.com
(877) 937-3292 or (203) 630-0344

Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement of any establishment. Vendors that offer full services to businesses for the handling of fluorescent and HID lamps and want to be included on our next update should call (914) 813-5420 or e-mail Lgd1@westchestergov.com.

Households, while they are not required by law, may dispose of fluorescent lamps which contain mercury vapor, mercury thermometers and other mercury-added products at Westchester County's Household Recycling Days. Visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425 for the Household Recycling Day schedule and other recycling information.