

RECYCLE YOUR MERCURY PRODUCTS--BOZEMAN AREA

Thermostats. Those round thermostats contain mercury! Don't throw them away!

- *Alternative to Use:* Digital Programmable, or non-programmable thermostats do not contain mercury and cost the same!
- *Recycle Existing:* Drop the entire unit off at the Gallatin City-County Health Dept, Environmental Health Services, Courthouse, 311 W Main Rm 108, 406-582-3120.

Thermometers. Thermometers with the silver tip contain mercury!

- *Alternatives to Use:* Digital thermometers or red-tipped alcohol thermometers
- *Recycle Existing:* Thermometers are accepted during the Gallatin City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Contact the County at 582-2380 for more information.

Light Bulbs. Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFL's) contain mercury, but are better for the environment because they burn less energy, thus reducing overall mercury emissions. Keep using CFL's, but be sure to recycle them!

- *Alternatives to Use:* None recommended
- *Recycle Existing:* Bulbs are accepted during the Gallatin City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Save them in their original packaging. Contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District at 582-3148

Computers & Electronics. Computers contain many hazardous wastes, including mercury & lead. Try to reuse parts whenever possible, and donate working computers instead of throwing them away.

- *Alternatives to Use:* None recommended
- *Recycle Existing:* Arrange drop off of late model computers (386 and faster) to Re Compute, located at 411 W Main St. Pick up possible depending on quantity. Working and non-working accepted. They reuse, resell, recycle parts, accept CPUs, monitors (15 in min), keyboards, mouse, printers, and cartridges. Call 522-9049 for more info. Contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District to find out when the next County-wide e-waste collection event will be held at 582-3148.

For more information:

- Women's Voices for the Earth, www.womenandenvironment.org
- The Montana Department of Environmental Quality, www.deq.state.mt.us/Recycle/index.asp

RECYCLE YOUR MERCURY PRODUCTS--MISSOULA AREA

Thermostats. Those round thermostats contain mercury! Don't throw them away!

- *Alternative to Use:* Digital Programmable, or non-programmable thermostats do not contain mercury and cost the same!
- *Recycle Existing:* Drop the entire unit off at the Missoula City-County Health Dept, 301 West Alder, 406-258-4890 or the Tremper's or East Gate Ace Hardware Stores.

Thermometers. Thermometers with the silver tip contain mercury!

- *Alternatives to Use:* Digital thermometers or red-tipped alcohol thermometers
- *Recycle Existing:* Thermometers are accepted during the Missoula City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days in September. Bring in your old thermometer and receive a coupon for a free digital thermometer! Contact the County at 258-4890 for more information. Or, exchange your old thermometer for a free digital thermometer at First Care Northgate, Northgate Plaza, Suite 402, 2230 North Reserve Street, or at Community Medical Center, 2827 Fort Missoula Rd. For more information, contact Community Medical Center, 406-728-4100.

Light Bulbs. Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFL's) contain mercury, but are better for the environment because they burn less energy, thus reducing overall mercury emissions. Keep using CFL's, but be sure to recycle them!

- *Alternatives to Use:* None recommended
- *Recycle Existing:* Bulbs are accepted during the Missoula City-County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Contact the County at 258-4890 for more information. Or, for a small fee, Palmer Electric Technology Energy Services (P.E.T.E'S) collects florescent bulbs, 2407 Harve Avenue. Contact 543-3086 for more information.

Computers & Electronics. Computers contain many hazardous wastes, including mercury & lead. Try to reuse parts whenever possible, and donate working computers instead of throwing them away.

- *Alternatives to Use:* None recommended
- *Recycle Existing:* Arrange drop off of computers/monitors (printers and scanners are not accepted) to Re Compute, located at 1337 W. Broadway, 406-543-8287. P.E.T.E.'s in Missoula charges for collection. Call (406) 543-3086 for information. Electronic waste will also be accepted at Missoula's Electronic Recycling Day on July 29. The event will take place at BFI-Recycle Now located on West Broadway.

Batteries. Batteries contain heavy metals and other hazardous elements and should be disposed of properly.

- *Alternatives to Use:* Rechargeable batteries can be reused again and again!
- *Recycle Existing:* Target, Staples and RadioShack accept Nicad and rechargeable batteries. Wal-Mart accepts used auto car batteries.

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