



## Mercury

Mercury is a hazardous substance and can create chronic health effects if exposure occurs. Mercury can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled through vapors and stored in fatty tissue for life. Children exposed to mercury can have developmental issues.

Removing mercury-containing items, such as thermometers and thermostats, from your home can be done at Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day (HHWDOD) [DKMM.org](https://www.dkmm.org).

Double bag unbroken thermometers in zipper-style plastic bags and save them for the next HHWDOD.

Note: Not all thermometers contain mercury. For example, thermometers that have a colored liquid DO NOT contain mercury.

For a mercury spill, ask for the Delaware Public Health District Solid Waste and Vector Unit at 740-368-1700 or email [ehdelawarehealth.org](mailto:ehdelawarehealth.org).