

HOW TO PACK CONTAINERS OF ELEMENTAL MERCURY

Packing mercury safely before transporting it protects against spills, which are hazardous to the environment and human health. A mercury spill can also damage your property and require expensive spill response efforts.



- Place all mercury-containing products or containers of mercury inside a larger container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Pour cat litter around the jar of mercury to protect against breaking.
- Write “Mercury” on the outside of the larger container with permanent marker.



- Place the larger container in a cardboard box or plastic tote to transport to the Home Toxics Center.



- Place the box or tote in the bed or trunk of your vehicle. This way, the mercury is contained and away from people in the event of a spill.
- Store mercury away from children and pets while you are waiting for your appointment. Keep the mercury in its original container and do not remove any labels.

If you have a mercury spill, contact your local Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or use the text chat at poison.org.