

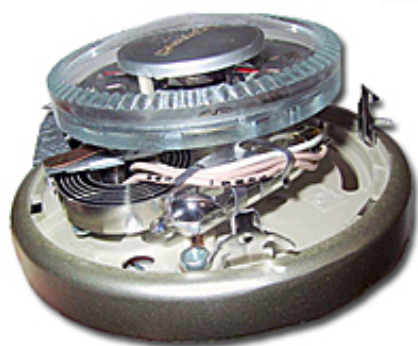


# How to Safely Package Mercury-Containing Devices

Properly packing thermostats, thermometers, and other mercury-containing devices prevents them from breaking and spilling mercury, which is toxic to the environment and human health.

**Double-bag small mercury-containing devices (like thermostats and thermometers) with zip-lock bags.**

**Tell our staff if you have mercury-containing devices.**



## Thermometers

If your thermometer has silver liquid, then it contains mercury. Double-bag these thermometers and bring them to the Home Toxics Center.

## Thermostats

If your thermostat is older or has a lever or a dial, it likely contains mercury. Double-bag these thermostats and bring them to the Home Toxics Center.

**If you have a mercury device break or a mercury spill, call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or go to [poisonhelp.org](http://poisonhelp.org).**

**Replace mercury thermostats with programmable digital thermostats to save electricity and reduce mercury exposure.**

