

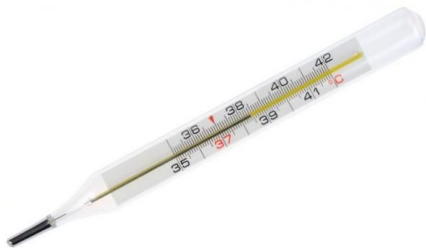
## HOW TO PACK MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES (THERMOSTATS, THERMOMETERS, ETC.)

Packing thermostats, thermometers, and other mercury-containing devices safely before transporting them prevents them from breaking and spilling mercury, which can be toxic to the environment and human health.

**Double-bag small mercury-containing devices (like thermostats and thermometers) with zip-lock bags.** Call the Washtenaw County Public Works Division Hotline 734-222-3950 for packaging instructions for larger mercury devices.

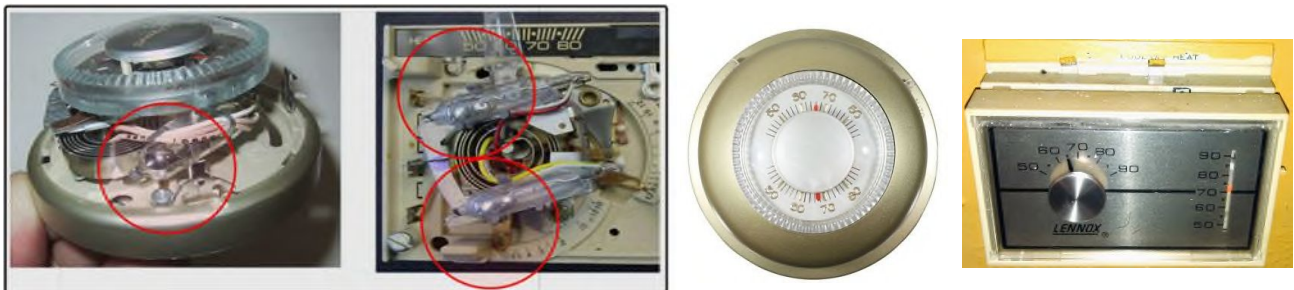
**If you have a mercury device break or a mercury spill, contact your local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222 or use the text chat at [poison.org](http://poison.org).**

### THERMOMETERS



If your thermometer has silver liquid, then it may contain mercury and can be double-bagged with zip-lock bags and taken to the Home Toxics Center. A red or blue liquid thermometer has no mercury, but is alcohol-based and can be brought to the Home Toxics Center because it is flammable. If there is no liquid, then it does not have mercury and is safe for the trash.

### THERMOSTATS



If a thermostat is older or has a lever or dial, it likely contains mercury. Double bag these thermostats in zip-lock bags and bring them to the HHW center.