

Mercury – Any mercury or items containing mercury.

Disposal – Thermometers, thermostats, button batteries, noise or light producing toys and greeting cards, and other items containing mercury should be taken to a household hazardous waste collection site. See [Household Hazardous Waste Collection](#).

Businesses: Businesses should treat any items containing mercury as hazardous waste. There are mercury recyclers that will take (or in some cases pay for) mercury. See [Minnesota Technical Assistance Program \(MnTAP\)](#) for more information or call the Environmental Services office at 800-450-9278. See also [Clean Shop Collections, Hazardous Waste, and VSQG](#).

Mercury “Button” Batteries – These are commonly found in hearing aids, watches, and cameras. Take these to a household hazardous waste collection site. Some stores who sell these also take them back. *Do not* throw them in the trash! See [Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Rechargeable Battery Recycling](#).

Businesses: Button batteries contain mercury and other heavy metals and cannot be thrown in the trash. Check with the company that supplies you with your batteries for recycling options.