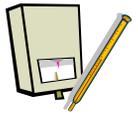




GET THE LEAD (AND MERCURY) OUT!



Why are mercury and lead a problem?

Under EO 13423, Federal agencies are to reduce the quantity of toxic and hazardous chemicals and materials acquired, used, or disposed of by the agency. Mercury and lead are persistent, bioaccumulative, and highly toxic elements that are widely used in many products. Once they are released into the environment, they do not break down and can travel up the food chain, accumulating in human, fish and wildlife tissue.

DO

Replace all mercury-containing thermometers.

Look through your shop, lab, and office for lead or mercury-containing equipment or components.

Replace any mercury and lead-containing items as part of regular maintenance.

DON'T

Purchase any lead or mercury-containing devices.

Throw any lead or mercury in the dumpster! This includes fluorescent tubes.

Common mercury-containing items:

- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries: mercuric oxide
- Electronic switches and relays
- Gauges (e.g., barometers, manometers)
- Liquid elemental mercury

Common lead-containing items:

- Lead solder
- Batteries
- Old cans of paint

Contact Russell Scarborough (387-3092) to dispose of old, broken, or unused lead or mercury-containing items.