

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Do You Have Unwanted Mercury In Your Home?**

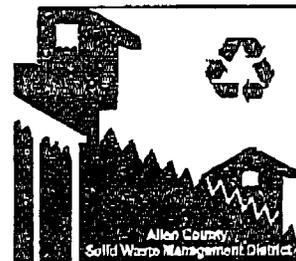
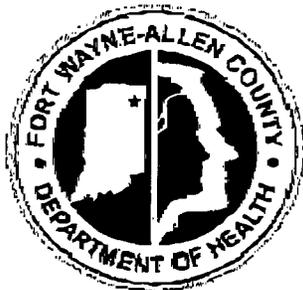
The Allen County Solid Waste Management District and the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health have teamed up to provide area drop-off locations for disposal of residential mercury devices, such as: thermometers and thermostats with mercury in them.

These locations are:

- **The Allen County Solid Waste Management District's office at 1 W Superior St, Room B12. Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.**
- **The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health at 1 E Main St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.**
- **The Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health Medical Annex at 4812 New Haven Ave. Fort Wayne, IN 46803. Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.**

Mercury is a hazardous substance that can have acute or chronic health effects, and should be disposed of properly. To determine if a thermometer has mercury in it, check to see if the liquid inside is a metallic-silver color. If it is that color, then that thermometer should be disposed of properly at one of the area drop-off locations.

**Please make sure to put all mercury containing devices in plastic Ziploc bags before depositing them into the collection containers.**



For more information please contact the Allen County Solid Waste Management District at 449-7878 or visit us at [www.acwasterwatcher.org](http://www.acwasterwatcher.org). Small businesses and non-profits interested in participating must contact the District.