

# MERC

MERCURY ERADICATION / REDUCTION in our COMMUNITY



BRING YOUR OLD MERCURY THERMOMETERS TO THE  
WYANDOT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND  
EXCHANGE THEM FOR NEW DIGITAL THERMOMETERS

## WHY EXCHANGE?

Did you know that exposure to **MERCURY** from broken household thermometers can cause serious health effects. At room temperature, **MERCURY** is a silvery liquid metal that produces a colorless, odorless, tasteless vapor. These vapors can travel long distances and produce adverse health effects. Short-term exposure to **MERCURY** vapors can cause nausea, shortness of breath, severe headaches, and fatigue. Long-term exposure can cause vision, speech, and hearing impairment, respiratory problems, and even death. **MERCURY**, at high levels, can damage the brain, kidneys, and a developing fetus. The amount of **MERCURY** in one glass thermometer is enough to poison all the fish in a 20-acre

Please bring in your mercury thermometer to the Wyandot County Health Department, located at 127-A S. Sandusky Avenue in Upper Sandusky, Ohio between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to exchange it for a new digital thermometer.

Transport and deliver your mercury thermometer in a secured zip-lock bag.

Questions? Call the Wyandot County Health Department at (419) 294-3852.



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