

# EARTH DAY 2012

**It's time to take your  
temp — a better way**

**Exchange your old mercury thermometer  
for a new free digital thermometer.**

*Exchange this...*



*for this!*



## THE MERCURY PROBLEM

Mercury poses a threat to your health, the health of family and friends and to the environment:

1. Mercury is a liquid metal which is toxic to humans, environmentally persistent and accumulates in the food chain. Children are especially vulnerable to the hazards associated with mercury through inhalation, ingestion and absorption.
2. Mercury in broken thermometers may eventually be discharged to the wastewater treatment plant where it can be toxic to microbes used in the treatment process, prevent beneficial reuse of biosolids or pass through into the Big Sioux River.
3. There are currently 12 lakes in South Dakota with a fish consumption advisory due to high levels of mercury.

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**Thermometer  
Exchange and  
Mercury Reduction  
Program**

## Free Exchange (supplies limited)

### THERMOMETER DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility will only take mercury containing thermometers (blue or red colored liquid thermometers *do not* contain mercury).

Double bag your mercury containing thermometer in zip-lock bags and place in a plastic container to protect it during transport in your vehicle.

**Drop off your mercury  
thermometer at the  
Household Hazardous  
Waste Facility located at  
1015 East Chambers Street**

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to Noon

