

Mercury

Following are examples of materials that may contain mercury:

- Electrical switches (including silent switches), thermostats, gauges, batteries (may be within smoke detectors and emergency lighting), exit signs, alarm systems, thermometers, barometers, manometers, relays, thermocouples and lamps (e.g., fluorescent, mercury vapor, metal halide, high-pressure sodium, neon and high-intensity discharge (HID)).

Storage

- Store used lamps in the original box or a box of similar size. Box spacers may be needed to prevent breakage.
- Store other mercury-containing items in a sturdy cardboard box or plastic pail.
- Do not tape lamps together because taping interferes with the recycling process.
- Do not break or crush lamps.

Store broken mercury-containing products in a sealed container (5 gallon plastic pail). Label the container with a clear description of the waste such as, "Broken Thermometers" or "Broken Fluorescent Tubes."