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County to collect mercury at free April event

To reduce the amount of potential mercury exposure in Snohomish County, the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station at 3434 McDougall Ave., Everett, will accept free of charge bulk mercury and mercury-containing devices between April 23-26.

The facility will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. those days and will collect bulk mercury, fever thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches and devices containing bulk mercury. Businesses, schools and residents with such products are encouraged to bring them in for proper disposal.

To ensure safe transportation of this hazardous material:

- seal jars tightly;
- put items in sealable plastic bags;
- carefully transport to the hazardous-waste collection facility.

Mercury vaporizes when warm, creating toxic fumes. It is very important to rid homes and businesses of the substance. Do not touch the mercury.

For more information about this collection event, contact Hazardous Waste Facility Manager Jim Gustafson at 425-388-6053 or James.gustafson@co.snohomish.wa.us.

To learn how to recognize mercury containing products or potential health risks associated with them, visit the Washington State Department of Health's mercury Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/mercury, or the Washington State Department of Ecology's Web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/mercury/index.html.

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