

Steps for Responding to a Large* Elemental Mercury Spill

*Mercury spills that equal or exceed one pound (>2 Tablespoons)

Get professional (spill response) help!

(see Mercury Spill Cleanup Contractors List)

In the meantime, quickly do the following:

1. Close off the area immediately to people and animals.
2. Call 911 or your local fire department as human health may be adversely impacted.
3. Turn down the temperature or lower the thermostat. Temperature should be maintained below 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. Open windows and ventilate the area.
5. Surround and contain the spill. Prevent liquid mercury from running into nearby cracks, crevices, drains, and surface waters. Never pour mercury down the drain. Mercury is heavier than water and may get trapped in the plumbing system.
6. Notify state and local authorities. For a release to the environment of one pound or more, it is *mandatory* under federal regulations to call the numbers listed below:
 - a) National Response Center (NRC) 800-424-8802
 - b) DEQ's Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) 800-292-4706
 - c) Your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (Call SARA Title III Program at 517-373-8481 for LEPC Contacts)

www.deq.state.mi.us/ead/p2sect/mercury



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Important Numbers

- National Poison Control Center 800-222-1222
- Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) Information Center
..... 800-447-1544
- Michigan Department of Community Health 800-MI-TOXIC
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Assistance Center 800-662-9278
Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) 800-292-4706
Superfund Information Hotline 800-424-9346
- U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center (NRC) 800-424-8802

Mercury Spill Cleanup Contractors

Advanced Environmental Services	616-453-8586
Clean Harbors	216-429-2402
Ecology and Environment, Inc.	440-243-3330
Environmental Quality Management	800-500-0575
Foss Environmental Services	800-337-7455
Marine Pollution Control	313-849-2333
Philip Emergency Response Services	800-567-7455
SQS Environmental	734-459-3800
TLH Environmental	206-523-4441
Youngs Environmental	734-789-7155

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