

Town to Hold Mercury Collection Event– Saturday, May 19

The Town of Tryon is sponsoring a Mercury Collection Event for town residents and small businesses that have mercury-containing items. Town officials seek to help prevent mercury contamination in the Town’s sewer system and in Polk County’s solid waste stream. These items will be collected “free of charge” and appropriately recycled as hazardous waste.

Only the following “Mercury Containing” items will be accepted at the collection event: Thermometers, Thermostats, Liquid Mercury, Mercurochrome, Button Cell Batteries, Fluorescent Lamps, 4' & 8'

How to Bring Your Mercury Containing Items:

- Place your mercury containing items in a box or container.
- Keep items in tact (don’t disassemble).
- Packages appropriately to prevent breakage.
- Transport items in your trunk, if possible.
- Use original or similar packaging, if available (e.g. for fluorescent lamps).

<b>What:</b>	<b>Mercury Collection Day</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Saturday, May 19 8:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Palmer Street Parking Lot, 105 Maple St. Tryon (Across from Brock’s Cleaners)</b>
<b>Why:</b>	<b>To reduce the potential for mercury contamination in Tryon’s wastewater and solid waste.</b>
<b>What to Bring:</b>	<b>Thermometers, Thermostats, Liquid Mercury Mercurochrome, Button Cell Batteries Fluorescent Lamps, 4' &amp; 8'</b>
<b>For More Info:</b>	<b>Call Joel Burrell, Town of Tryon, 859-5626</b>