



H.O. Trerice Industrial Liquid-In-Glass thermometers are not available mercury-filled. The sale of products containing mercury was banned by the State of Michigan in 2003. In adherence to that ruling, plus pending legislation in other parts of the country, Trerice began featuring a blue-reading organic (“spirit”) fill as standard. A red-reading fill is still available as an option.

The only H.O. Trerice thermometer permitted to be manufactured by agreement with the State of Michigan is the Retort style thermometer used exclusively in canning production facilities.

In reference to potable water systems, when Industrial Thermometers are properly installed with a thermowell for **each** particular application, Industrial Thermometers are safe for such use, as the spirit fill is sealed in the thermometer case. If MSDS sheets are needed for the “spirit” fill, please let us know.

Listed below is some Internet sources concerning mercury facts and procedures for disposal and what to do in case of a thermometer containing mercury are damaged. These Internet sources are provided as a service and do not imply an endorsement of the contents or procedures found therein. If the links do open, you may have to copy the link shown below the titles and paste them into your browser.

Sincerely,
H.O. Trerice Co.

Environmental Protection Agency Mercury Disposal Guidelines

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/disposal.htm>

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Mercury Facts

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/mercury/facts.html>

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:

1. **Companies That Accept Elemental (Free Flowing) Mercury**
http://www.michigan.gov/deq/1,1607,7-135-3585_4127_4175-11761--,00.html
2. **Cleaning Small Mercury Spills**
http://www.michigan.gov/deq/1,1607,7-135-3585_4127_4175-11751--,00.html
3. **Cleaning Large Mercury Spills**
<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ead-p2-mercury-cleanup.pdf>
4. **Companies that cleanup Mercury Spills**
<http://http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ead-p2-mercury-lgmerc.pdf>