

How to handle... **UNIVERSAL WASTE**



MERCURY-CONTAINING EQUIPMENT



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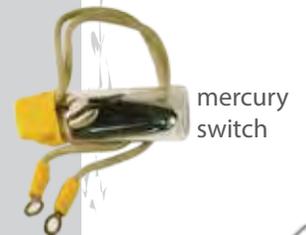
Employees who handle universal waste require training, and the training should be documented.

CONTAINERIZE AND KEEP CLOSED

All waste mercury devices must be kept in closed, non-metal containers that will not leak or spill under normal conditions.

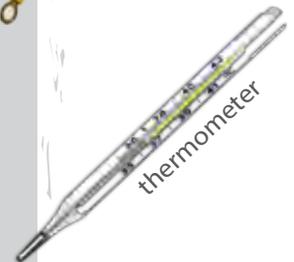
LABEL

All containers must be correctly labeled as "Used Mercury-Containing Equipment" or "Waste Mercury-Containing Equipment."



DATE

Containers must be labeled with the date when the first mercury-containing equipment was placed in the container.



REMOVE

Mercury-containing equipment must be removed from the facility for recycling within one year of the date on the container.

If not managed as universal waste, used mercury-containing equipment must be managed as hazardous waste.

Mercury-containing equipment that can be managed as universal waste includes: thermostats, barometers, mercury switches, old silver-mercury thermometers and certain medical equipment.

Go to dnr.wi.gov, search "universal waste" and find DNR publication WA-1004 *Management of Mercury Containing-Equipment* for more information.

Broken mercury devices should be placed in closed, leak-proof, non-metal containers and handled as hazardous waste.

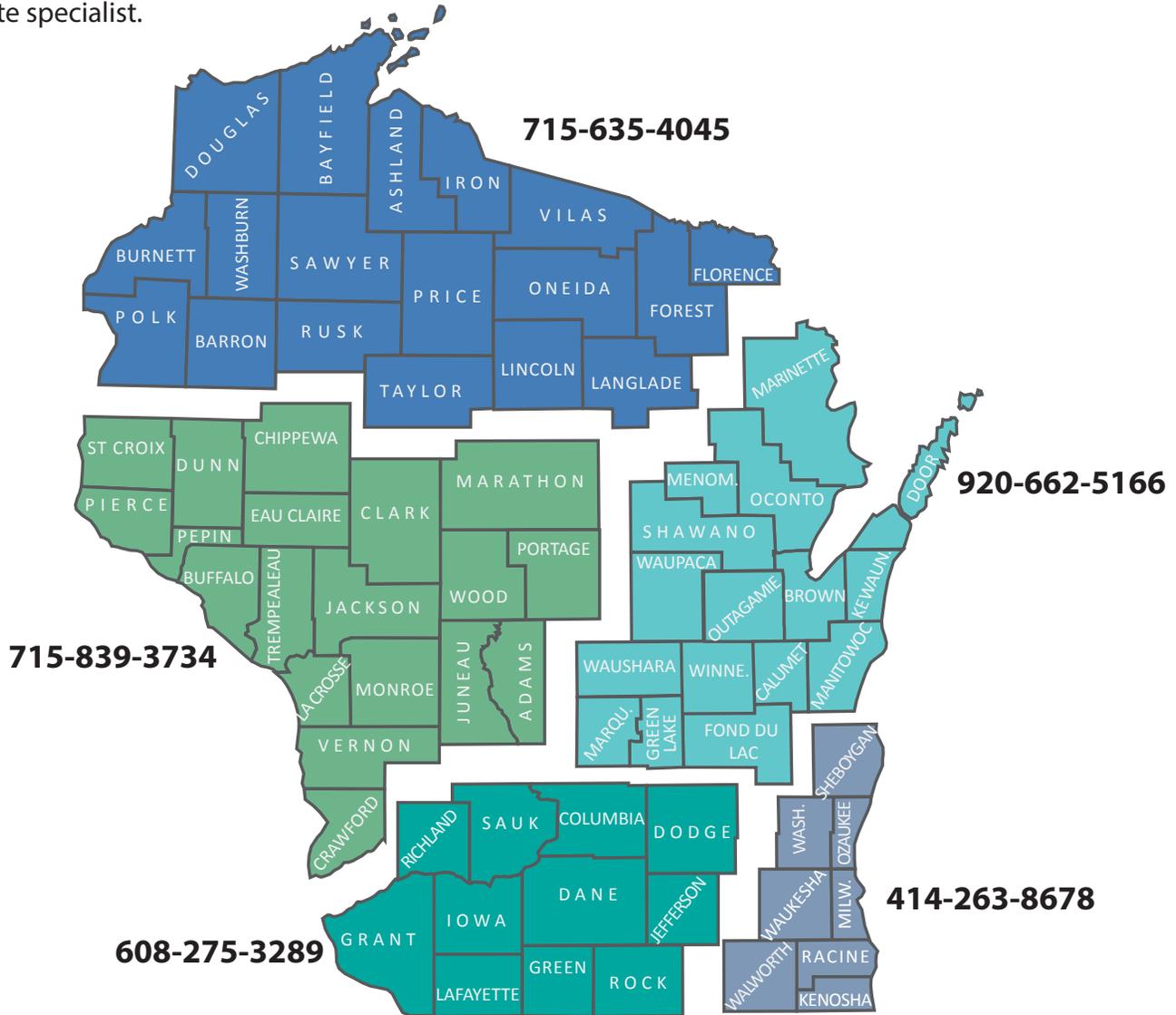


REFER TO NR 673 WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR DETAILS.



DNR CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on this subject, including other publications, staff contacts and administrative codes and statutes, search *Universal Waste* at dnr.wi.gov or call your DNR regional office and ask for your hazardous waste specialist.



Universal Waste Guidance and Reference Documents

- Collector Best Management Practices: Universal Waste and Used Oil (WA-1736)
- Management of Universal Wastes in Wisconsin (WA-742)
- Lamp and Bulb Management (WA-195)
- Managing Used Antifreeze (WA-356)
- Management of Mercury Containing Equipment (WA-1004)



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