

# Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Wants To Help You **Reduce Mercury** In Your School

Do you have any mercury thermometers just waiting to get broken? How about those mercury compounds that you don't need or use? Mercury barometers or manometers? Thermostats, alarms or tilt switches? Even that old blood pressure gauge (sphygmomanometer) from the nurse's office?



## Check out our three **FREE** offers!

### About This Program

This is one of several innovative programs we've implemented throughout the District to prevent pollution of our water environment. Yes, mercury in items used at your school can find its way into our local waters, and the mercury in a single laboratory thermometer can contaminate 500 million gallons of water!

By participating in this mercury reduction program, you'll be helping to protect your students, your staff and the environment from the risks of mercury exposure. It's the right thing to do, and it won't cost you a dime.

See inside for details.

### About CCCSD

**O**ur mission is to protect public health and the environment. We do this by collecting and treating wastewater, providing recycled water, and promoting pollution prevention.

Our treatment plant in Martinez collects and treats an average of 48 million gallons of wastewater every day. Some highly treated wastewater is recycled for irrigation use on golf courses and parks, and the rest is safely released into Suisun Bay. We also operate a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility that allows our customers to safely dispose of hazardous materials.



**Green** Sewage Collection, wastewater treatment, and HHW collection for 326,600 people

**Light Blue** Wastewater treatment and HHW collection for 135,380 residents in Concord and Clayton by contract

**Orange** HHW collection service only

**Blue** CCCSD's Headquarters, treatment plant, and HHW Collection Facility are located in Martinez

## Special Offer 1: Free Disposal of Toxic Mercury Items

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has declared open season on all forms of mercury in schools. That's why our Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is making this special, limited-time offer:

**Bring in any mercury, mercury-containing items, or mercury compounds from your school and we'll waive our normal disposal fee!\***

We'll make sure the mercury is safely disposed of at no charge to you, while you'll be removing a highly toxic substance from your school.

Why are we doing this? Because mercury is one of the most toxic substances known. The mercury in a single laboratory thermometer can contaminate 500 million gallons of water.

*\*We can also accept mercury vapor and fluorescent lamps for a nominal fee.*



## Special Offer 2: Free Framed Certificate

Be among the first schools to qualify for the District's "Mercury Minimization Environmental Achievement Certificate." It's proof of your commitment to protect your students and the environment by significantly reducing mercury throughout your school. Call 925-229-7107 for details.



## Special Offer 3: Free Replacements for Mercury Thermometers

What? You say you can't part with your thermometers? That you really need them? That it will cost you an arm and a leg to replace them?

Well, fret no more! For a limited time, the District will exchange your mercury thermometers (on a one-for-one basis) with spirit thermometers for free. We're offering Classroom Thermometer Kits that contain 16 spirit thermometers (with a temperature range of -10 to +110 degrees Celsius) free in exchange for a comparable number of your mercury thermometers. There is no limit on the number of thermometers you can exchange.



**How do you participate?**

It's easy. Just call 800-646-1431 to get the form you'll need and make a drop-off appointment. Follow the instructions we send you for packaging and transporting, then simply bring your items in at the appointed time. We'll handle the rest.