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Mercury Pollution

(NAPSA)—From thermostats and fluorescent lights to medical supplies, many products contain mercury that can pollute the environment. The good news is that each of us can help reduce mercury pollution and protect people and wildlife.



Mercury contamination has forced officials to issue fish consumption advisories.

In both humans and wildlife, exposure to mercury through eating contaminated fish triggers serious health concerns.

Mercury can be found in thousands of products used daily. When these products are discarded, they are often incinerated. The mercury they contain is released into the atmosphere and falls back to earth when it rains or snows to contaminate lakes and rivers and the fish that inhabit them.

Purchasing mercury-free products and disposing of mercury products safely is easier with a new guide from the National Wildlife Federation. The *Mercury Products Guide* is available online at www.nwf.org/cleantherain.