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Stoughton Utilities Reminds Community of the Importance of Proper Disposal of Mercury Containing Products

Mercury is a toxic compound that is extremely hazardous to our environment and it's important that everyone in the community is aware of the dangers and works to keep mercury out of wastewater and landfills. Wastewater treatment plants are capable of removing over 90% of the mercury entering the plant, however, an ultra-low limit of 1.3 nanograms per liter (ng/L) is now required.

The only cost-effective way to manage the level of mercury in Stoughton's wastewater is to reduce mercury discharge into the treatment plant from users of the sanitary sewer system. Listed below are some of the most commonly used mercury products:

- Barometers
- Amalgam dental fillings
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Lab thermometers
- Medical fever thermometers
- Latex paints made before 1990
- Blood pressure cuffs
- Thermostats

Do not put any mercury compounds down the drain or in the trash. Hazardous household wastes can be safely disposed of through Dane County Clean Sweep, located at 7102 US Highway 12, Madison, WI. More information about Clean Sweep can be found on their website at danecountycleansweep.com.

More information about mercury can be found at dnr.wi.gov/topic/mercury.

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.