



KEEP DRAINS AMALGAM FREE

Recycle Dental Amalgam

Mercury-containing wastes are a fact of life in dental offices. Washed down the drain or otherwise improperly disposed, mercury can find its way into Sacramento waterways and the environment. Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) is working to reduce mercury discharges to the Sacramento watershed and here is how you can help.

Best Management Practices

- **Do** use precapsulated alloys in a variety of sizes
- **Do** store mercury-containing wastes in airtight containers
- **Do** collect all amalgam wastes and recycle them as universal wastes
- **Do** keep waste streams segregated to optimize recycling and disposal options
- **Do** use chair-side traps and vacuum pump filters and recycle them properly
- **Do** install an amalgam separator that complies with ISO 11143 and maintain it properly
- **Don't** rinse traps and screens in the sink
- **Don't** flush amalgam waste down the drain or toilet
- **Don't** put mercury-containing waste in medical waste containers (red bags)
- **Don't** place other materials in your mercury waste containers



More Information

SRCSD, in cooperation with the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), has compiled a list of companies that will accept amalgam waste from Sacramento area dentists. Contact BERC at (916) 649-0225 or visit www.sacberc.org to obtain more information.

Contact SRCSD at (916) 875-6644 or visit www.bemercuryfree.net to learn more.

