

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's

Best Management Practices for Amalgam Waste

Protecting the Environment

DON'T

DON'T use bulk elemental mercury.

DON'T rinse traps or vacuum pump filters over drains or in the sinks.

DON'T throw or place the disposable trap, sludge from reusable trap, or vacuum pump filter or contents with regular garbage.

DON'T throw or place the disposable trap, sludge from reusable trap, or vacuum pump filter or contents into sharps containers or biohazard bag.

DON'T flush amalgam waste down the drain.

DON'T use cleaners with bleach or chlorine to clean vacuum system lines.

DO

DO use mercury-free material, when appropriate.

DO recycle all amalgam waste containing mercury. Store amalgam waste in airtight containers.

DO use precapsulated alloys. Recycle used disposable capsules containing mercury.

DO disinfect and store amalgam pieces from removal and restoration with amalgam waste.

DO install chair-side traps in each cuspidor and filters in the vacuum system of every operatory where restoration work is done.

DO change and clean chair-side traps and vacuum filters.

DO have a licensed recycling contractor, mail-in service or hazardous waste hauler remove amalgam waste.



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