

How to Make a Spill Kit

Put together a mercury spill kit for your school. Making a spill kit is one way that you can protect your school from the dangers of mercury.

It's important to remember that spill kits can only be used to clean up smaller spills — like spills that happen when a thermometer or a light bulb breaks. If your school has a bigger spill, **no one should try to use a spill kit to clean it up — it's a job for professionals only.** And even if you can clean up the spill yourself, keep in mind that even a small amount of mercury can be dangerous. So it's very important you follow the spill cleanup steps very carefully.



Follow these steps to make a spill kit for your school.

1) Collect the items you'll need to make a spill kit. These include:

- 4 to 5 zipper-top plastic bags
- Trash bags (2 to 6 mm thick)
- Rubber or latex gloves
- Paper towels
- Cardboard
- Paper
- An eye dropper
- Duct tape and/or shaving cream and brush
- A flashlight
- Powdered sulfur (optional)
- A container to hold the spill kit materials (this can be a box or a plastic container with a secure lid)

2) Put all of the spill kit items into the container.

3) Label the spill kit so it's clear to people what's inside.

4) Store the kit in a safe place in your school.

5) Make sure people know where to find the kit in case of a spill.

It's also a good idea to print out the **Mercury Contact Sheet** and **What to Do When Mercury Spills at School** and put them in your spill kit. You can find these materials on the Don't Mess with Mercury website.

★ Congratulations! ★

You just helped make your school a safer place.

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