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# 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 operator 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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