Do not sell them and do not throw them in the trash! It is illegal to sell cosmetics with mercury in them in Minnesota. Mercury is also very bad for the environment.

- **Why Should I Be Worried About Mercury?**
  - Mercury is toxic, which means it is bad for your health. Mercury exposure causes:
    - Skin rashes, discoloration, scars
    - Anxiety, depression, psychosis
    - Kidney damage
    - In children: brain, vision, and hearing damage
  - Mercury in open skin lightening products can also harm other people in the home or store:
    - A child who touches their mother’s skin
    - A family member who eats food from the fridge where the product is kept
    - A family member who breathes the air
    - A baby who is being breastfed
    - A baby before it is born from their pregnant mother

- **What Products Contain Mercury?**
  - Creams
  - Lotions and Soaps used for skin lightening
  - Skin Brightening
  - Skin Whitening
  - Dark Spots
  - Age Spots
  - Blemishes
  - Freckles and Acne

- **How Do I Know If a Product Contains Mercury?**
  - **The Ingredient List Says**
    - “mercury,” “mercurous chloride,” “calomel,” “mercuric,” or “mercurio.”
  - **Products May Contain Mercury If:**
    - No ingredient list or no label
    - A warning to avoid contact with silver, gold, rubber, aluminum, and jewelry

- **What Should I Do With Products in My Store That Contain Mercury?**
  - Bring the products to your local household hazardous waste dropoff place. It’s free!

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