

Benefits & Responsibilities of Reworld Communities

As a renewed or new Reworld **contracted community**, welcome. The Haverhill and SEMASS energy-from-waste facilities where your trash goes are required to have Material Separation Plans (MSPs) to keep mercury and mercury-containing devices out of the waste stream. These plans are part of their operating permits and must be approved by MassDEP. CET coordinates the activities of the MSP program in partnership with Reworld.

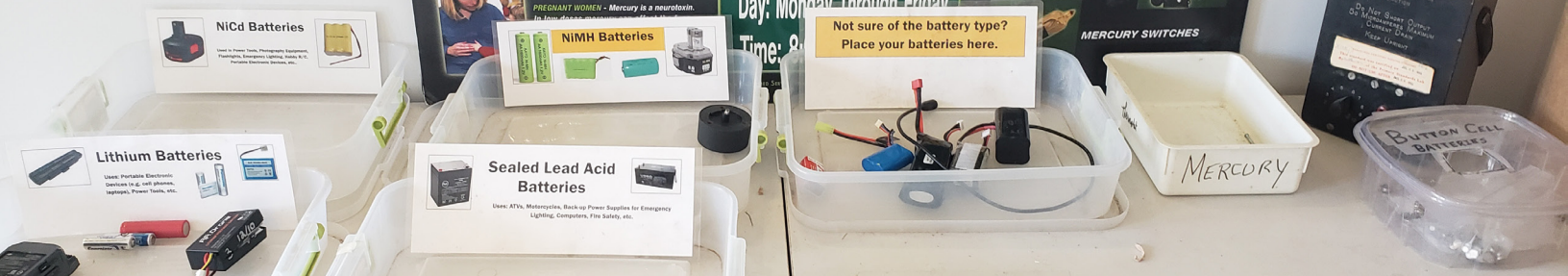
The following are examples of the benefits available to Reworld communities as part of the current MSP program. Communities may have different needs so consider the list as a menu and please let us know if there's something not listed that would be helpful.

Benefits to Communities

Reworld will:

- Create and share educational resources with communities that they can share on websites, posters, social media etc. to help identify and divert mercury-containing devices. Most pdf resources are already translated into multiple languages.
 - [Reworld: Mercury Management Resources](#)
- Provide pre-printed posters and rack cards upon request for municipal offices, welcome packets, and fairs/events. Currently available in English and Spanish.
- Work with communities to support their outreach efforts.
- Review municipal websites for easy access to mercury information.
- Evaluate need and provide funds for purchase of Universal Waste sheds up to \$5,000.00 as well as training, signage, and resources to maintain those sheds. Resources include:
 - Organizational signage (pdfs or printed on request).
 - Spill kit and use instructions.
 - Large plastic bags to use as secondary containment for mercury devices that don't fit in a 5-gallon pail (e.g. barometers).
 - Universal Waste labels for buckets, boxes and drums and/or labeling instructions.
 - Universal Waste shed maintenance training resources like videos, written documentation, checklists, and in-person training.





- Organize outreach opportunities to help residents and businesses identify mercury and mercury-containing devices and the proper handling and disposal options through:
 - Quarterly newsletter - [sign up to receive the Reworld newsletter](#).
 - Quarterly Community & Partners Meeting
 - Peer-to-peer networking
 - Support for community events
 - Council on Aging newsletter and other support as requested
 - School outreach
 - Local Cable Access/Social Media support
 - Business sector outreach
 - Realtors, Organizers/Downsizers, Local Haulers, Medical Facilities, etc.
- Cover the cost of pick-ups at municipalities (Universal Waste sheds, schools, satellite collection locations such as hardware stores) and direct pick-up of large amounts of elemental mercury or large mercury-containing devices from residents in contracted communities.
- On a case-by-case basis, as funds allow, until Extended Producer Responsibility or similar program is implemented, Reworld is covering the cost of lithium-ion and lithium primary battery recycling. This is for household and small tool sizes only.
 - E-bike and E-vehicle batteries are handled differently. Please have your residents consult their place of purchase for information.

Community Responsibility

Contracted communities will:

- All communities must comply with the [Massachusetts Mercury Management Act](#). Mercury and mercury-containing devices are not allowed to be discarded as trash.
- Maintain Universal Waste collection sheds in compliance with universal waste regulations [310 CMR 30.1000](#) for mercury-containing devices and other universal waste including batteries.



If the community does not renew their Reworld contract, the benefits will end, and the community will have to make other arrangements to cover the cost of proper mercury handling and disposal.