

Dental Amalgam Program (DAP)

How do I comply?

1. Apply for a DAP Permit. You can find the application on our website.
2. Install appropriately sized and certified Amalgam Separator Technology.
3. Train your employees on its maintenance and Best Management Practices
4. Schedule an inspection with Metro Water who will then issue your permit.
5. Keep maintenance and training documentation on-site, available for inspection.



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• **What is it?**

The Environmental Protection Agency has mandated new rules that require Amalgam Separator Technology to be installed in every Dental Office in the United States that performs procedures with dental amalgam. This effort is expected to prevent over ten tons of toxic metals, particularly mercury, from entering our nation's watersheds each year.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/14/2017-12338/effluent-limitations-guidelines-and-standards-for-the-dental-category>

• **Who does this affect?**

If your practice performs five or more procedures involving dental amalgam every year, then you are included in the policy. Dental clinics, orthodontists, periodontists, and maxillofacial surgeons that do not typically perform procedures involving amalgam are not affected. However, all dental facilities must apply for and receive a DAP permit. Please complete a DAP permit application before purchasing new equipment, you may be exempt.

• **When does this go into effect?**

Right now! Nashville is striving to bring all new dentists into compliance as soon as possible. Existing offices are encouraged to plan for their transition. All dentists must comply by July 14, 2020.

• **What if I already have Amalgam Separators installed?**

If your device was tested by ISO 11143 at >95% removal efficiency and was installed in the last ten years, you may keep your current technology.

• **Are chairside traps and vacuum filters good enough?**

No. Amalgam Separators are unique devices designed for one job only, and are subject to rigorous testing.

• **Is there a fee for this permit?**

No. While Metro Water reserves the right to charge a fee, there is currently no plan to collect one.