

It's free

- There's no charge to you.

It's easy

- Store used mercury-switch thermostats safely once removed from service.
- Bring the used thermostats to a participating HHW facility to recycle.
- TRC requires no paperwork nor tracking for homeowners.

It's the right thing to do

- By recycling used mercury-switch thermostats, you help ensure a cleaner environment for all of us. One mercury thermostat contains at least 1,000 times more mercury than a compact fluorescent light bulb.



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Recycle Mercury Thermostats For Free



Instead of storing old mercury thermostats or tossing them in the trash, contact your local Household Hazardous Waste facility to see how easily you can dispose of mercury containing thermostats, at **no cost to you.**

Visit our website or give us a call for a list of participating collection sites.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) program?

The goal is to recycle all mercury containing thermostats that are replaced.

What should I do?

Drop your mercury thermostats off at your local HHW facility.

What thermostats can I recycle?

All brands of wall-mounted, mercury switch thermostats.

Which HHWs participate?

You'll find the recycling bins at hundreds of locations across the nation. View a list of participating collection sites at thermostat-recycle.org.

How do I know if the thermostat contains mercury?

If the thermostat uses a dial or lever, odds are it contains mercury and needs to be recycled.



Look for the mercury switch inside.



Should I take out the mercury switch?

No. Return the entire thermostat intact, including the cover. The thermostat casing protects the mercury switch during shipment.

What's not accepted under TRC's program?

- Loose mercury switches (bulbs)
- Leaking mercury-switch thermostats
- Electronic thermostats and other thermostats without mercury switches
- Batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and other devices containing mercury

How are thermostats collected?

HHW facilities and HVAC wholesale distributors place recycling bins in their locations. Retailers collect thermostats directly from customers. Contractors and homeowners collect out-of-use mercury thermostats through their normal business and can drop them off for collection at any location.

What happens after I drop off the old thermostats?

When the collection site's bin is full they send it to TRC's recycling center. The switches are removed and forwarded to a mercury recycler.

Do I have to recycle mercury thermostats?

Yes. California state law prohibits the disposal of mercury thermostats in the trash. It further requires that all HVAC contractors in the state must recycle every mercury thermostat removed from service. Visit our website to see these state regulations.

What else should I know?

Most thermostats are replaced by HVAC contractors. We encourage you to ask your contractor what they do with old mercury thermostats and inform them of this free program if they are not participating.

