

Recycle

used mercury-switch thermostats

Calling all contractors!

All HVAC contractors and wholesalers in the continental United States are encouraged to recycle used thermostats.



For a list of participating wholesalers, go to www.nema.org/trc or call 1-800-238-8192. If your wholesaler isn't participating, ask them to start.

If you're a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) contractor, there's good news for you: Now you can easily recycle every mercury-switch thermostat you replace.

It's free

There's no charge to you.

It's easy

- **Store** used mercury-switch thermostats safely on your service trucks or at the shop.
- **Bring** the used thermostats—any brand—the next time you visit your participating wholesaler.
- **Put** the used thermostats in the green recycling bin or give them to your counterpart.

It's that simple! There's no paperwork or tracking.

It's good for the environment

Recycling is the right thing to do. By recycling used mercury-switch thermostats, you help ensure a cleaner environment for all of us.

So come on! Recycle!



About the Thermostat Recycling Corporation

The mercury thermostat recycling program is a voluntary service provided by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC), a private corporation established by Honeywell, General Electric and White Rodgers. The program is offered in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state environmental officials.

Put them in the bin



Q&A

What is the purpose of the program?

The goal is to recycle every mercury-containing thermostat contractors replace.

What should I do?

Whenever you replace a mercury-switch thermostat, keep the old one. When you visit your wholesaler, put the used thermostats in the green bin provided by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation.

What thermostats can I recycle?

All brands of wall-mounted, mercury-switch thermostats.

Which wholesalers participate?

You'll find the recycling bins at hundreds of wholesaler locations across the nation. You can see a list of participating wholesalers at www.nema.org/trc. If your wholesaler isn't participating, ask them to start now. (It's easy and free* for them, too.)

Should I take out the mercury switch?

No. Return the entire thermostat—intact. The thermostat casing protects the mercury switch during shipment.

What's not accepted under this 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

Contact your county's waste management office for proper disposal methods of these items.

What happens after I drop off the old thermostats?

When your wholesaler's bin is full, the wholesaler sends it to the TRC's recycling center. The switches are removed and forwarded to a mercury recycler.

Is there a "reward" for the used thermostats I bring in?

No. The recycling program is provided as a service to the HVAC industry.

Do I have to participate in the program?

No. Participation is voluntary. Keep in mind, however, that state and local regulations may require that you properly dispose of mercury-switch thermostats.

What about in-warranty thermostats?

If a thermostat fails during its warranty period, follow your normal warranty-return procedures. If you recycle in-warranty thermostats, you won't receive warranty credit or replacement.

What else should I know?

Bring in old thermostats promptly. Don't transport more than 100 thermostats at a time or keep them for more than 10 days.

What if a homeowner brings me a thermostat that he or she removed?

Please accept it and recycle it with your other old thermostats.

Learn more

- Go to www.nema.org/trc
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*The only cost to wholesalers is a one-time \$15 dollar fee per collection container.

Recycle used mercury thermostats today!



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