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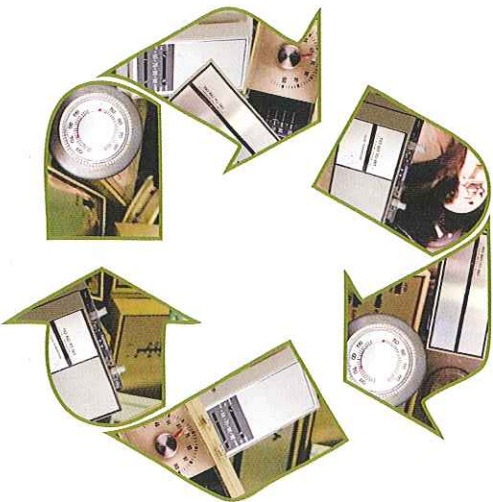
- You earn \$5 per thermostat, and you are able to recycle at no cost to you.

It's Easy

- Bring the used thermostats to any participating collection location.

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.



Get \$5

for Recycling Mercury
Thermostats!



Receive a \$5 instant in-store credit at participating Maine and Vermont retail locations, or a \$5 mail-in coupon at participating household hazardous waste and HVAC wholesale locations.

Visit TRC's website 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, or participating retail and HVAC wholesale distributor locations.

How do I receive my \$5?

If you recycle at a participating retail location you will receive a \$5 instant in-store credit.

If you recycle at a household hazardous waste and/or HVAC wholesale location, you will receive a \$5 mail-in coupon. Coupons will be paid via mailed check upon receipt of the thermostat(s) at TRC's processing facility. It may take several months between the time of dropping off the thermostat at the wholesaler and receipt of the thermostat at TRC's processing facility.

What thermostats can I recycle?

All brands of wall-mounted, mercury switch thermostats.

Which locations participate?

Visit thermostat-recycle.org and enter your zip code to find your nearest active location.

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
- Thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs and other devices containing mercury

What happens after I drop of 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?

Maine and Vermont prohibit the disposal of mercury thermostats in the trash. All HVAC contractors in both states are also required to recycle every mercury thermostat removed from service. Visit TRC's website to learn more about state regulations.

