

Recycle Used Mercury-Switch Thermostats

Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) contractors, 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 a Gustave A. Larson location.
- Put the used thermostats in the green recycling bin or give them to the counter representative.

It's good for the environment - Recycling is the right thing to do. By recycling used mercury-switch



All HVAC contractors in the continental US are encouraged to recycle used thermostats.

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 a Larson branch, 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.

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 the bin is full, the Larson

Company 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 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.



Put them in the bin.



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.