WHO WE ARE
Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) is a free recycling program for mercury containing thermostats. Production of these devices ceased in 2007, but we remain committed to providing a convenient, easy-to-use and lawful way to dispose of them. TRC is funded by manufacturers that sold and branded mercury thermostats in the US as well as companies that produce replacement devices. To date, 2.1 million units have been collected!

IT’S THE LAW
State and federal laws require that, once a mercury thermostat is removed, it must be properly recycled. If you implement programs in the following states; California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont recycling mercury containing thermostats are required. In some states, non-compliance can lead to fines up to $25,000 per device. Also, these devices contain at least 1,000 times more mercury than a CFL bulb and should never be put in the trash.

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The sales, installation, and disposal of mercury-containing thermostats may have been banned in the state that you have received Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) grants from the Department of Energy. It is important to consider your obligations in informing others and managing the proper recycling of these devices during weatherization projects focused on energy efficiency. There is a strong likelihood that HVAC/r systems (furnaces, boilers, and heat pumps) are still controlled by non-programmable, non-digital, mercury-containing thermostats. It is also likely that these devices are still in operation within the residences that your programs target. Because of this, you should consider the following recommendations.

WEATHERIZATION AND GRANTS THROUGH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Participate directly in the TRC program or require the technicians administering the weatherization grants to do so and update your field guides with information related to mercury thermostat regulations. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has listed under the Standard Work Specifications (SWS) tool via its website, information related to mercury thermostat assessment and handling. The standard 5.3104.1b Controls – Thermostat Replacement describes details on how to handle thermostats containing mercury. It is important that sub-grantee recipients know that workers and occupants can and will be protected from improper disposal or handling of these devices. The custody of control is limited to universal waste generators. But, the moral obligation to communicate responsibilities to hired technicians remains within your control.

OUR BINS AND PAILS

Thermostat Recycling Corporation works with retail partners, wholesale companies and municipalities. We provide large and small collection bins. TRC handles the collection and replacement of our bins.