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Massachusetts HVAC Contractors Now Required to Recycle Mercury Thermostats

Massachusetts mercury thermostat bill establishes new requirements for the HVAC industry

Alexandria, Va. (September 3, 2014)— A new law in Massachusetts requires any person or contractor who replaces a mercury-containing thermostat to deliver it to an appropriate collection site to be recycled. The bill also mandates that as of October 30, 2014 no HVAC wholesale distributor shall sell or distribute any thermostat unless the wholesaler participates as a collection site to recycle mercury thermostats.

The Massachusetts collection program is supported by 31 manufacturer members of the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC). The Massachusetts law requires all manufacturers of mercury thermostats sold in the state to either individually or collectively participate in a collection program. TRC's program is the easiest and least-cost means of complying with Massachusetts law for manufacturers, wholesale distributors and HVAC contractors.

Prior to this new law going into effect, TRC is offering all HVAC wholesale distributors in Massachusetts a free TRC recycling container. Contact TRC toll-free at 1-888-266-0550 or visit www.thermostat-recycle.org for more information about the program.

About Thermostat Recycling Corporation

The Thermostat Recycling Corporation, founded in 1998, is an industry-funded non-profit corporation supported by 31 manufacturers who historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the United States. TRC maintains a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has recovered more than 1.4 million thermostats since its inception. TRC

assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury switch thermostats recovered from service. Learn more about TRC by finding us on [Facebook](#), or following us on [Twitter](#).

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