

Connecticut's Mercury Thermostat Stewardship Law

- Passed in 2012
- As of April 1, 2013, requires manufacturers to establish a program to “collect, transport and properly manage” any out-of-service mercury thermostat.
- As of July 1, 2014 no manufacturer, wholesaler, or qualified contractor (more than 7 service technicians) may sell any thermostat unless they are participating in the program.
- As of July 1, 2014 prohibits any person from placing a mercury thermostat in the solid waste stream

Other Provisions

- Any contractor who demolishes a building must first remove mercury thermostats and recycle them on their own or through manufacturer program.
- As of April 1, 2014, the department will post a list of participating collection locations
- The manufacturers must report to the department providing a “self-evaluation” of the success of the program certified by a third party.

Thermostat Recycling Corporation

- Founded in 1998 by White-Rodgers, GE and Honeywell, as a voluntary program to recover mercury thermostats.
- Available in Connecticut in 1998
- Established collection points through HVAC wholesalers

Municipalities

- Can serve as a collection point if they have the proper permit.
- Municipal Transfer Station General Permit Allows for collection of mercury thermostats.
- Contact TRC at 1-888-266-0550 or go to their website to receive a collection container.
- Household Hazardous Waste facilities may also participate
- Law allows a one time fee of \$75 paid to TRC for the first container
- Direct residents to the TRC website to find the nearest collection site.

Promotion of the Program

- TRC provides material with each collection container
- DEEP website will post collection locations by April 1, 2014.
- DEEP updating mercury webpages to include information on the law.
- DEEP/TRC planning a conference all sometime in May to present the program.

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