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Fluorescent Bulb & Mercury Thermostat Recycling

Participating Retailers:

Home Depot

121 N. Bennington Rd. Bennington (802) 447-9997 (CFLs only)

Miles Lumber

178 Chittenden Dr. Arlington (802) 375-2525

Aubuchon Hardware

1131 Depot St. Manchester Center (802) 362-7000

R.K. Miles

691 Depot St. Manchester Center (802) 362-1952

Limit of 10 bulbs per day.

NO BROKEN BULBS!

Recycling and Disposing Bulbs

Lamps containing mercury, including fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), save energy over incandescent bulbs, but their end-of-life can result in adverse impacts on human health and the environment if not handled appropriately. More information on the effects of mercury can be found at http://www.mercvt.org/ Mercury-containing products cannot be disposed of with regular trash or poured down the drain and must be recycled or managed as a hazardous waste. Households in Vermont have a low to no-cost method to properly handle mercury products at the end of their useful life. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources oversees manufacturers and retailers' implementation of their Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program to offer free recycling of fluorescent bulbs and mercury thermostats with locations throughout Bennington County. By keeping these bulbs out of landfills mercury stays out of the soil, air, and water reducing the possibility that mercury will accumulate in fish, wildlife, and humans. For more information on fluorescent bulbs, visit:

https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/mercury/proper-disposal/lamps

Participating Transfer Stations		
Bennington Transfer	904 Houghton Ln.	Hours: Mon through Fri:
Station (Bennington &	Bennington	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Woodford Residents)	(802) 447-8737	Sat: 8:00 AM – 12:00
		PM
Sunderland Transfer	4561 Sunderland Hill Rd.	Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs,
Station (Arlington,	Sunderland	Fri: 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Manchester, Sunderland	(802) 362-1789	Sat: 7:30 AM – 11:30
& Sandgate residents)		AM
Northshire Transfer	310 Tennis Way	Hours: Mon – Fri: 8:00
Station (Dorset and	East Dorset	AM – 2:00 PM
Manchester residents)	(802) 447-9997	Sat: 8:00 AM – 12:00
		PM
Pownal Transfer Station	645 Maple Grove Rd.	Hours: Wed, Fri, and
(Pownal residents)	Pownal	Sat: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	(802) 379-1470	

Recycling and Disposing Mercury Thermostats

Thermostats found in homes and commercial locations are used to regulate air temperature. Older ones contain anywhere from 2.5 to 10 grams of mercury, enough to contaminate a small lake. Mercury containing devices should not be thrown in the trash but disposed of properly through household hazardous waste collection events or designated locations accepting them. To determine if your thermostat contains a mercury switch, remove the front cover. Once the cover is removed you should be able to locate one or more glass ampoules (switches) that contain a silver liquid (mercury).



Newer electronic thermostats are mercury-free and programmable ones allow your heating system to work more efficiently and save you money. Any mercury containing thermometers require proper disposal too and should not be thrown in the trash. For more information visit: https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/mercury/proper-disposal

Participating Retailers:

F. W. Webb

240 East Rd. Bennington (802) 447-2312

Granite City Electric Supply

435 Morse Rd.Bennington(802) 442-8155

R. K. Miles

618 Depot St. Manchester Center (802) 362-1952

Bennington Cooling & Heating

308 Depot St.Bennington(802) 442-3519

Miles Lumber- Do It Best

178 Chittenden Dr. Arlington (802) 375-2525

Visit https://www.thermostat-recycle.org/ for more drop off locations.