

# THE Mercury Thermostat Collection Act OF 2008



This law requires manufacturers to establish a program, individually or collectively, to collect and recycle out-of-service mercury-added thermostats. (Sale of new mercury-added thermostats in California was banned in 2006.)

*Beginning July 1, 2009, the law requires manufacturers to:*

- Provide a free thermostat collection bin to any local governmental agency that requests one for use at its household hazardous waste collection facilities or events.
- Provide thermostat collection bins to wholesalers of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment at a cost not to exceed twenty-five dollars.
- Arrange to pick up collection bins, or pay for shipping costs to a recycler.
- Provide education and outreach for contractors, service technicians, and homeowners.

As of July 1, 2009, and every January 1 and July 1 thereafter, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is required to post a list of all manufacturers that fail to comply with this law on its Web site.

Learn more about the law and the obligations of manufacturers, retailers, & wholesalers at:  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Mercury\\_Therm\\_Act.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Mercury_Therm_Act.cfm)



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