

Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008

Wholesaler requirements:

- A wholesaler that has a physical location in the state shall act as a collection location for out-of-service mercury-added thermostats.
- A wholesaler or a retailer that distributes or sells mercury-added thermostats shall monitor the department's Internet Web site to determine if the sale of a manufacturer's thermostats is in compliance with this section
- A wholesaler that distributes new thermostats by mail to buyers in the state shall include with the sale of the new thermostat, an Internet Web site address and toll-free telephone number with instructions on obtaining a prepaid mail-in label that a consumer may use to send an out-of-service mercury-added thermostat to a collection location.

- Support and participate with manufacturers to educate consumers on the proper management of out-of-service mercury-added thermostats.

- Receive from Manufacturers educational and other outreach materials. These materials shall include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:
 - (1) Signage that is prominently displayed and easily visible to the consumer and contractors.
 - (2) Written materials and templates of materials for reproduction by retailers and wholesalers to be provided to the consumer at the time of purchase, delivery, or both purchase and delivery of a thermostat. The materials shall include information on the prohibition of improper disposal of mercury-added thermostats, the proper management of out-of-service mercury-added thermostats, and the locations of collection opportunities.
 - (3) Advertising and/or other promotional materials that include references to collection opportunities.
 - (4) Materials to be used in direct communications with the consumer and contractor at the time of purchase.