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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 | | |
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| Bennington Transfer Station (Bennington & Woodford Residents) | 904 Houghton Ln.<br>Bennington<br>(802) 447-8737 | Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM<br>Tue, Thurs: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| Sunderland Transfer Station (Arlington, Manchester, Sunderland & Sandgate residents) | 4561 Sunderland Hill Rd.<br>Sunderland<br>(802) 362-1789 | Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri: 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM<br>Sat: 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM |
| Northshire Transfer Station (Dorset and Manchester residents) | 310 Tennis Way<br>East Dorset<br>(802) 447-9997 | Hours: Mon – Fri: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM<br>Sat: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Pownal Transfer Station (Pownal residents) | 645 Maple Grove Rd.<br>Pownal<br>(802) 379-1470 | Hours: Wed, Fri, and Sat: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM |

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# 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.



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