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## Atlantic City Electric Energy Wise Rewards™

### How to recycle your mercury thermostat

**Thank you for participating in the Atlantic City Electric Energy Wise Rewards program.**



**We encourage you to recycle your old mercury thermostats—please do not put them in the trash.**

**Why should I recycle my mercury thermostat?**

Mercury is a toxic heavy metal substance that can:

- Cause serious impact to human health and the environment
- Cause serious health consequences
- Contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems
- Present hazards to children and pets

**Where can I recycle my mercury thermostat?**

Recycling your old thermostat is easy and necessary. Many New Jersey counties have programs in place to collect hazardous waste such as mercury. To find the recycling center nearest you, call the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at **609-984-3438**, or go to [www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/county\\_websites.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/county_websites.htm) and click on the link next to the county you live in.

**What do I do if I have a mercury spill?**

The Environmental Protection Agency has a comprehensive site to guide you through cleaning up a mercury spill. Should you have a mercury spill, go to [www.epa.gov/hg/spills](http://www.epa.gov/hg/spills) for detailed instructions on the proper way to clean it up.

**A few basic do's and don'ts if you have a mercury spill:**

**DO:**

- Have everyone leave the area, including pets
- Open all windows and doors to the outside; shut all doors to other parts of the house
- Put on rubber, nitrile, or latex gloves before cleanup
- Contact your local health department, municipal waste authority, or fire department for proper disposal in accordance with local, state, and federal laws

**DON'T:**

- Use a vacuum to clean up the spill
- Have children help you clean up the spill
- Pour mercury down a drain
- Wash clothing that has been in direct contact with mercury
- Walk around if your shoes might be contaminated with mercury