

Thermostat Recycling Corp.'s Collections Decrease as Fewer Mercury-Containing Thermostats Remain to be Collected

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Thermostat Recycling Corp. (TRC) collected 28% fewer pounds of mercury from thermostats in 2022 when compared with 2021. As a result, it collected 673.83 pounds of mercury in 2022, compared with 936.59 pounds in 2021.

There were 73,152 mercury-containing thermostat units collected and recycled in 2022 compared with 93,045 in 2021, a decrease of about 21%.

"We should not be alarmed by the decrease in the collection of pounds or units," said [Danielle Myers](#), operations & compliance manager, TRC. "This overall decrease is a sign that we are fulfilling our mandate and mission of being effective in retrieving and recycling mercury-containing thermostats. For every unit we collect, there is one less mercury thermostat in the nation since they are no longer produced."

"Also, we had a moderate increase in 2021, an acknowledgment of the pent-up opportunity for collection during the coronavirus pandemic, when the collection efforts lessened. This was a unique circumstance that slightly raised collections for one year, but we anticipated a return to declining collections, just as we have seen in 2022."

TRC's top 10 recycling partners by pounds of mercury in 2022 are:

Johnstone Supply--139.74 pounds



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R. E. Michel Co.--78.98 pounds
Home Works Energy Inc--22.38 pounds
United Refrigeration--21.68 pounds
Refrigeration Supplies Distributor (RSD)--19.52 pounds
Ferguson--14.58 pounds
F.W. Webb--13.18 pounds
Gustave A Larson--12.54 pounds
Lennox--10.89 pounds
US Air Conditioning Distributors (USACD)--10.19 pounds

This past year, the top three states in the United States for recycling thermostats were California with 70.25 pounds, Minnesota with 60.1 pounds, and Massachusetts with 57.14 pounds.

The mercury-containing thermostat collections peaked in 2014 with 203,346 units.

"Whatever the external circumstances, the commitment never falters on the part of TRC's partners," Myers said. "While the number of units that we recycle might diminish over time, the enthusiasm and consistency of our partners remain strong because they understand that their efforts help to keep our environment both cleaner and safer."

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About [Thermostat Recycling Corporation](#)

Thermostat Recycling Corp., founded in 1998, is an industry-funded nonprofit corporation supported by 28 manufacturers that historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the United States. TRC maintains a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has recovered more than 2.9 million thermostats containing 13 tons of mercury since its inception. TRC assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury switch thermostats recovered from service. To learn more about TRC, visit www.thermostat-recycle.org.

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