

# Does it have Mercury (Hg)?

## How do you know?

### Thermostats

Most thermostats that have dials or levers contain mercury should be recycled. They should never be thrown in the trash can. Visit the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) website for more information about thermostat identification and disposal.  
<https://thermostat-recycle.org/learn-more/what-is-mercury/>

### Vehicles

Vehicles manufactured before 2003 may contain switches and relays that contain mercury. The following link has additional information:  
[https://www.newmoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/switches\\_relays\\_2014.pdf](https://www.newmoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/switches_relays_2014.pdf)

### Batteries

Button batteries commonly contain mercury and should be disposed of appropriately. Do not throw them in the trash. Please see the following link for more information:  
<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/used-household-batteries>



### Appliances

Older model electric appliances including chest freezers, space heaters, dryers, clothes irons and washing machines may contain mercury switches that turn the device itself, or a light within them, on or off. Gas-fired appliances, including ovens, water heaters, furnaces, heaters, and appliances in some recreational vehicles, may contain mercury. Older models may have pilot light sensors containing mercury. <https://www.epa.gov/mercury/mercury-consumer-products>

### Electronics

LCD screens, monitors, laptop screens, and televisions manufactured before 1991 may contain mercury. If you do not know if an electronic device contains mercury, and it is not labeled, contact the manufacturer. For more information, click the following link:  
<https://www.epa.gov/mercury/mercury-consumer-products>

### Lightbulbs

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) use less energy than incandescent bulbs, but they contain mercury and should be recycled appropriately. CFLs come in all shapes and sizes, so make sure that the collection site that you bring your bulb to for disposal, accepts the size that you have. For more information, click the following link:  
<https://recyclesmartma.org/2022/03/watts-the-deal-with-fluorescent-light-bulbs-newsletter/>