

End of Life Vehicle Solutions (ELVS) Automobile Mercury Switch Recovery Program

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is seeking help from Georgia Automobile Recyclers/Dismantlers. We are concerned about mercury releases into the environment. Removing mercury switches from automobiles before they are crushed, shredded or melted for recycling will help us eliminate harmful releases of mercury to the environment.

EPD is partnering with End of Life Vehicle Solutions (ELVS), a non-profit corporation formed by the automobile manufacturers, to administer a program to recover mercury switches from automobiles. Participation in the program is voluntary. **ELVS will provide educational materials, collect and recycle mercury switches at no cost to you.**

Participation in the program is easy. Just follow these steps:

1. Sign up for the program by following the directions below.
2. Remove mercury switch assemblies from the vehicles at your facility and put them in the collection buckets that you will receive from ELVS.
3. When your bucket is full, put the lid on, label it and mail it to Environmental Quality (EQ), the mercury recycling contractor for the program. EQ pays for shipping and will send you another bucket.

This program is completely voluntary, however, a \$4 million fund has been established to reward recyclers/dismantlers on a first come, first serve basis for their efforts by paying \$1 per mercury light switch or assembly received (switches do not need to be removed from the assemblies), and \$3 per ABS module received.

To sign up for the program, call the ELVS toll free telephone number (877) 255 – ELVS or email them at infor@elvsolutions.com. Once you sign up you can expect to receive information on auto makes/models that contain mercury switches and instructions on how to remove them, along with your first collection bucket, within a couple of weeks.

We are excited about this program and hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to do your part in helping us keep harmful mercury releases from entering the environment. For additional information, we invite you to visit the ELVS website at www.elvsolutions.org, or call Winthrop Brown at the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) at (404) 363-7027.