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## New Paint Product Stewardship Pilot Program in Oregon

The American Coatings Association (ACA) has worked over the last number of years with various stakeholders interested in the management of post-consumer paint to develop and implement an industry led Paint Stewardship Pilot Program in the US. With the successful passage of legislation in Oregon this year enabling such a pilot, ACA, and its new non-profit stewardship organization – PaintCare – is now in the process of implementing the Program.

### As a Trade Painter – What do I need to know?

As of the start date of the program a PaintCare Recovery Fee will be added to the cost of all architectural paint sold in Oregon. This Recovery Fee will fund the collection, transportation, recycling and proper disposal of architectural paint in the state. The fee will be paid at the point of sale and commercial painters may see this fee on their invoices for Program Products. Please note that paint producers, retailers and distributors must charge the PaintCare Recovery Fee and it is expected that trade painters will in-turn charge their customers in order to recoup this cost. Trade painters, however, will no longer be charged to dispose of their leftover paint at the point of collection. Painters that are small or large quantity hazardous waste generators will not be able to manage their leftover alkyd paint using this program.

### What Products are covered by the Program?

Architectural paint is defined under the Program as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of five gallons or less. It does not include industrial, original equipment or specialty coatings. Examples of Program Products versus Non-Program Products are provided below:

#### **Program Products** (maximum container size of 5 gallons):

- Interior and Exterior Architectural Paints: Latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (all types of finishes and sheens, including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings and floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not-tar-based or bitumen-based)
- Melamine, metal and rust preventative
- Primers, undercoaters and sealers
- Stains and Shellacs
- Swimming Pool Paints (single component)
- Varnishes and urethanes (single component)
- Lacquers, Lacquer Sanding Sealers, and Lacquer Stains
- Wood Coatings (containing no pesticides)

#### **Non-Program Products** (regardless of container size):

- Industrial Maintenance Coatings
- OEM and Industrial surface coating (shop application) paints and finishes
- Aerosol Paints
- Automotive Paints
- Marine Paints
- Craft Paints
- Caulking Compounds, epoxies, glues or adhesives
- Colorants and tints
- Resins
- Paint Thinners, mineral spirits or solvents
- Paint Additives
- Pesticide containing products
- Roof patch or repair
- Tar-based or bitumen based products
- 2-Component Coatings
- Deck Cleaners
- Traffic Paints

## How much is the PaintCare Recovery Fee?

The Recovery Fee is based on container size as follows:

<i>1/2 pint container or less</i>	No Charge
<i>more than 1/2 pint to 1 gallon</i>	\$ 0.35
<i>1 gallon container</i>	\$ 0.75
<i>more than 1 gallon to 5 gallon</i>	\$ 1.60

## Where can I bring my leftover Program Products?

There will be various collection sites around Oregon, including current municipal sites and new retail and other sites. Please visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for a listing by zip code for available collection sites and their hours of operation. Program Products must be in their original and labeled containers, maximum container size of 5 gallons, and must be properly sealed. Please note that municipal sites are better equipped for larger quantities of Program Products than other collection locations.

## Is this a Government program?

No – the Program is mandated by law, but it is being implemented by PaintCare, which is an industry association run by architectural paint manufacturers. The Program is entirely funded by the PaintCare Recovery Fee, which is paid to PaintCare by the manufacturers based on their architectural paint sales in Oregon. PaintCare engages and manages all contracts for collection, transportation, recycling, and proper disposal of the Program Products. PaintCare submitted a Program Plan for approval by Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality and will submit annual reports once the Program has been fully implemented.

## Who is Product Care?

PaintCare has engaged Product Care to develop, implement and manage the Oregon paint stewardship pilot program including contracts for collection, transportation, recycling, and proper disposal of the Program Products. Product Care has incorporated an Oregon non-profit called PCA Paint Stewardship Inc. for this purpose. Product Care is a not-for-profit industry sponsored association that manages product stewardship programs for paint and for other household hazardous and special waste on behalf of its members across Canada.

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