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As 2016 begins, we would like to thank all our Vermont drop-off sites for making 2015 such a success.

In 2015, PaintCare provided 73 permanent year-round paint drop-off sites consisting of paint retailers, municipal household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities, solid waste transfer stations and other voluntary locations to create a network of convenient paint drop-off points in Vermont. Through these sites, PaintCare provided access to a year-round site within 15 miles to 99.5% of the state's population.

The Vermont program collected and processed 116,691 gallons of postconsumer paint in 2015 – a 60% increase over paint volumes before the PaintCare program. This gave Vermont a paint recovery rate of 9.6%, the highest of any PaintCare state to date. The paint recovery rate is calculated by taking the volume of postconsumer paint collected and dividing it by the volume of new paint sales in the same period.

Additionally, PaintCare also held five paint-only drop-off events, and provided direct large volume pick-ups from seven businesses and institutions that had accumulated more than 300 gallons of paint at their facilities.

For a more in-depth look at how the Vermont program did in its first year, take a look at the 2015 Vermont Annual Report [here](http://www.paintcare.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/vt-annual-report-2015.pdf) (<http://www.paintcare.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/vt-annual-report-2015.pdf>).

We look forward to another successful year in 2016.

PROPOSED VERMONT FEE INCREASE UPDATE

This past November, PaintCare made a formal request to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources for an increase to the PaintCare fee. This was decided after the PaintCare Board of Directors carefully reviewed the financial status of the Vermont PaintCare program and concluded that as a result of the large volumes of paint being collected in the state, combined with lower-than-projected sales and corresponding revenue from the assessment, a fee increase would be necessary to bring the Vermont program out of deficit and to sustain it in the future.

While the Agency has up to 90 days to review and approve the request, we suggest that retailers evaluate their point-of-sale and billing systems to accommodate the fee change. It is expected that the fees will take effect sometime during the first quarter of 2016. PaintCare will continue to keep paint retailers informed of the Agency's decision to approve the revised fee structure and the date when the new fees will be effective.

If you have any questions regarding the fee increase or Vermont PaintCare operations, please contact John Hurd by email at jhurd@paint.org or by phone at (802) 245-4821.

SPOTLIGHT ON COATINGS: PRIMERS AND UNDERCOATS ARE PAINTCARE PRODUCTS TOO!

Water can be a powerful force for destruction. In order to prevent damage to wood, masonry and concrete surfaces both inside and outside the home, applying a waterproofing solution can help keep decks, porches, patios and basements looking great for years to come.

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Waterproofing compounds and sealers for concrete, masonry, and wood are PaintCare products. This means that there is a PaintCare fee applied on them at the time of purchase, and that they are accepted for free when taken to a PaintCare drop-off location, such as a paint or hardware store.

However, there are some exceptions. Waterproofers that are tar or bitumen-based are not accepted PaintCare products. Additionally, products used to protect wood furniture, such as furniture polishes, waxes, and linseed, tung, and lemon oils, are excluded from the PaintCare program. It is also important to note that masonry and concrete sealers that are labeled "for professional use only" are excluded from the PaintCare program and do not have a PaintCare fee applied to them.



Over time, untreated wood surfaces can become damaged by water. When moisture comes in contact with wood, cracks can occur. Lingering water on wood surfaces can also lead to rot. Wood waterproofers help prevent cracking, warping and splitting of wood decking, siding, shingles and other wooden surfaces. Wood waterproofers are available in either oil- or water-based formulations.

Similarly, concrete and masonry can be damaged by water. Wind-driven rain and ice can pound on driveways, concrete steps and porches, and moisture can seep into homes and wreak havoc with basement walls. A waterproofing sealer penetrates and bonds to concrete and masonry to stop leaks that allow water to enter and cause irreparable harm. They can often prevent damage before it occurs by providing a tough barrier, however, some waterproofers can be used after water damage has already occurred.

Although concrete sealers and waterproofing compounds perform similar functions, they work in different ways. Sealers primarily form protective layers over concrete surfaces, while waterproofing compounds penetrate into surfaces to fill in gaps.

While waterproofing compounds and sealers are accepted PaintCare products, please remember that they must be in containers that are no larger than five gallons in size, just like other PaintCare products. They must also be in their original containers, and the containers must have a label and secured lid.

For a complete list of all accepted PaintCare products, visit www.paintcare.org.

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