

Information for Solid Waste Facilities Including Transfer Stations, Recycling Centers, and Landfills

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PaintCare supports paint collection activities at solid waste facilities in states with paint stewardship laws. Funding for the program comes from a fee applied to the price of architectural paint sold in these states.

PaintCare

PaintCare is a nonprofit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement manufacturer-led paint stewardship programs in states that pass paint stewardship laws. PaintCare currently operates programs in California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, and is developing programs for Illinois and Maryland.

Paint Drop-Off Sites

The primary requirement of paint stewardship laws is for paint manufacturers to set up paint drop-off sites at retailers and other locations where households and businesses can take postconsumer (leftover) architectural paint, free of charge. PaintCare has established more than 2,400 paint drop-off sites across its programs. While most sites are paint and hardware stores, solid waste facilities including transfer stations, recycling centers, and landfills, as well as household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities, may participate as paint drop-off sites.

Become a Drop-off Site

Solid Waste Facilities that would like to become a drop-off site can fill out the interest form available at www.paintcare.org/drop-off-site-interest-form/.

Benefits to Solid Waste Facilities and Their Customers of Becoming a PaintCare Drop-Off Site

There are many benefits to becoming a paint drop-off site. The cost of transportation and recycling of PaintCare accepted products (e.g., paint, stain, varnish) will be paid by PaintCare. As a participating drop-off site, you will:

- Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient for your customers
- Help relieve local government of their cost of managing leftover paint
- Help your state conserve resources, keep paint out of the solid waste stream, and prevent the improper disposal of paint in your community
- Optional: offer paint in good condition collected at your site to the public for reuse and receive a reimbursement of \$1.60 per gallon. See our fact sheet, Reuse Program – Compensation and Reporting, for more information.

PaintCare Drop-Off Sites Receive Free of Charge

- Reusable paint collection bins
- Paint transportation and processing services
- Training materials and staff training at your site
- Program brochures, signage, and customer education materials
- Listing your drop-off site on PaintCare website and in ads and promotional materials (optional)

Drop-Off Site Responsibilities

- Provide secure storage area for paint collection bins
- Accept all brands of leftover PaintCare products from the public during operating hours
- Place only PaintCare products in paint collection bins, taking care not to open containers
- Keep paint collection bins neat and properly packed
- Complete minimal paperwork related to tracking outgoing paint shipments
- Ensure all staff maintain training on PaintCare drop-off site guidelines and operating procedures

Water-Based (Latex) Paint is a Resource

An important goal of PaintCare is to conserve resources and increase the amount of paint that is recycled. In areas where HHW programs do not accept water-based paint, households and businesses are often instructed to let water-based paint dry out and then dispose of the dry paint in the trash. Through the PaintCare program, all paint—including latex paint—is recycled to the maximum extent possible.

Will Becoming a PaintCare Drop-Off Site Require Operational Changes?

No. Your facility may continue to put restrictions on who can access the paint collection program at your site. If your facility only services a specific geographic region (e.g., specific towns, cities, or counties), you will not be required to service customers that live outside of your service area. Similarly, if your facility is not permitted to take business waste, you will not be required to do so. (PaintCare retail sites accept paint from anyone in the state and from both households and businesses.)

Benefits of PaintCare to Solid Waste Facilities

Solid waste facilities that generate leftover paint but are not PaintCare drop-off sites can still participate in the PaintCare program.

- Solid waste facilities, like other entities, can drop off leftover paint at PaintCare sites. All PaintCare drop-off sites accept up to 5 gallons of paint, but some PaintCare sites accept more. Visit www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations to find a site.
- PaintCare offers a free pickup service for households, businesses, and organizations that have accumulated 100+ gallons of paint measured by container size (not volume). Learn more about this in our fact sheet titled Large Volume Pickup (LVP) Service or at www.paintcare.org/pickup.
- For entities that generate large volumes of unwanted paint on a regular basis, a service for recurring direct pickups is available. Contact PaintCare for additional information.

What Products Are Covered?

The products accepted by the PaintCare program are the same products that have a fee when they are sold. PaintCare products include interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in container sizes of five gallons or less. They do not include aerosol coatings, industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings.

PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

NON-PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol coatings
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar, and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes