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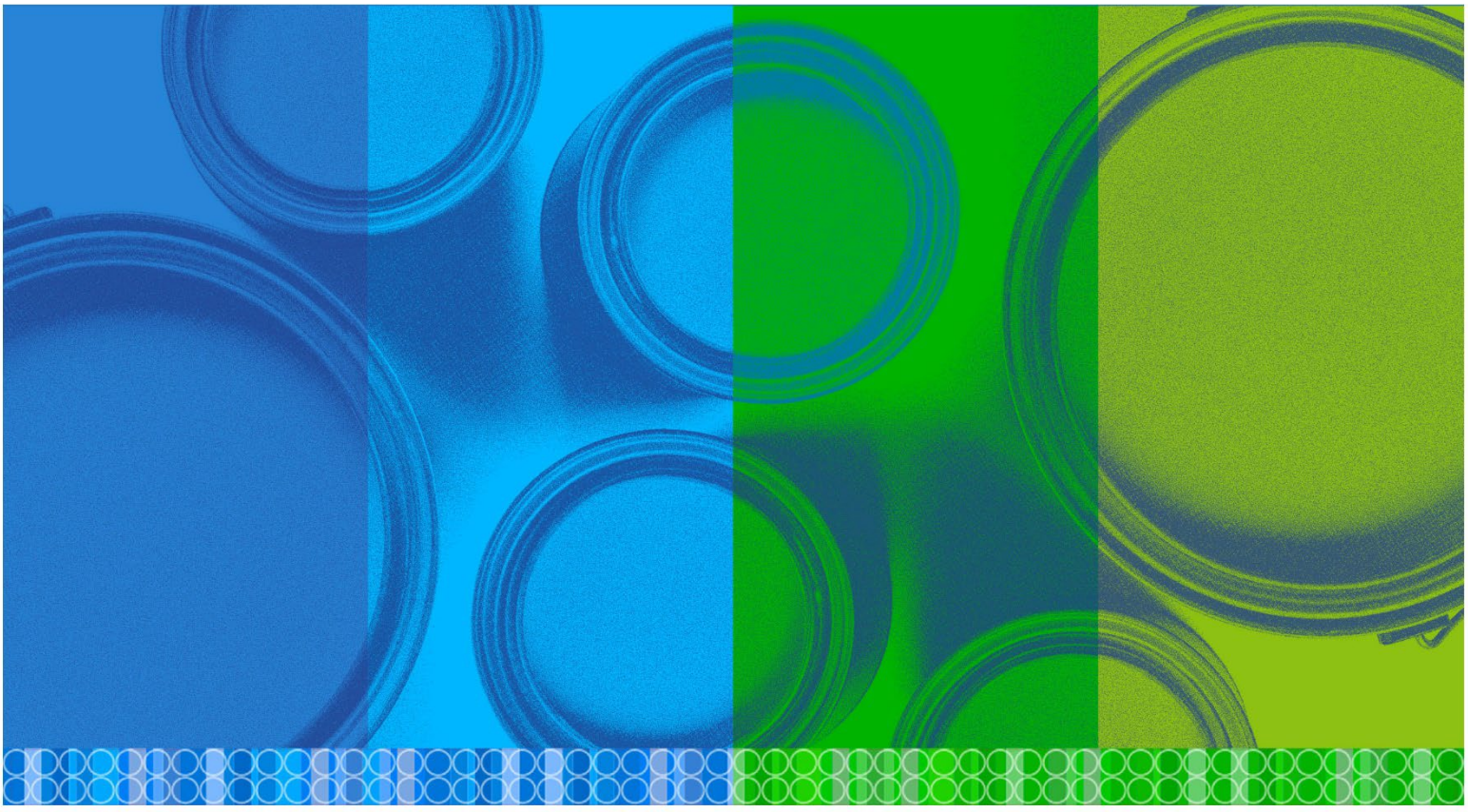
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# Executive Summary

## NEW YORK PAINT STEWARDSHIP LAW

PaintCare is the representative stewardship organization for the New York Paint Stewardship Program codified in New York State Environmental Conservation Law, Article 27: Collection, Treatment and Disposal of Refuse and Other Solid Waste, Title 20: Postconsumer Paint Collection Program. The New York program began in May 2022.

The broad goals of the program are for paint manufacturers to implement and manage the finances of a statewide paint stewardship program to reduce the generation of postconsumer paint, promote using up leftover paint, and facilitate the recycling and proper disposal of unwanted postconsumer paint. The program aims to increase opportunities to properly manage leftover paint, offer cost-saving opportunities to local governments, and manage the paint collected in an environmentally and economically sound manner.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Drop-Off Sites.** The program had 390 year-round paint drop-off sites at the end of the report period; 346 were paint retailers, representing 30% of likely paint retail participants. The remaining sites included eight household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities, 19 transfer stations, eight reuse stores, five recycling centers, one paint recycler, one landfill, and two public works facilities.

The program also managed paint from supplemental drop-off sites that included two seasonal HHW facilities, 115 HHW events, two seasonal transfer stations, two seasonal public works facilities, ten sites that accepted paint for part of the report period, seven PaintCare events, 27 paint-only events, and nine New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Clean Sweep events.

During the report period, 99.2% of New York residents lived within 15 miles of a drop-off site.

PaintCare also managed paint from five drop-off sites in New York City operated by the City's Department of Sanitation (DSNY). While these sites were open to the public, they were not counted as PaintCare drop-off sites and were not included in the convenience analysis as described later in this report. We refer to these sites as "special sites" throughout this report.

**Services.** The program provided 281 direct pickups from businesses and others that had either (1) accumulated more than 100 gallons of paint (considered large volume pickups or LVPs) at their locations, or (2) were categorized as small quantity hazardous waste generators (SQG) or large quantity hazardous waste generators (LQG). The program serviced two locations set up as recurring large volume pickup (RLVP) sites.

PaintCare also partnered with five HHW door-to-door (D2D) collection programs and initiated a PaintCare-operated D2D collection program on Staten Island.

**Paint Collection Volume.** The program collected 817,675 gallons of postconsumer paint.

**Paint Processing.** Latex paint was 82% of the paint processed: less than one percent was reused, 91% was made into recycled-content paint and 9% was landfilled. Oil-based paint was 18% of the paint processed: less than one percent was reused, 91% was processed for energy recovery, and 9% was incinerated.

**Revenue and Expenses.** The program was financed through a fee on new paint sales: 45 cents on small containers, 95 cents on medium containers, and $1.95 on large containers. Approximately 22.7 million gallons of architectural paints were sold in the state and the program collected $15,708,916 in revenue from these sales.

Expenses, including paint transportation and processing, communications, staffing, and administration were $13,499,530. The program ended the report period with net assets of $21,407,013. The total program cost per gallon of paint collected was $16.51.

**Paint Recovery Rate.** The recovery rate—the volume of postconsumer paint collected divided by the volume of new paint sales in the same period—was 3.6%.

**Awards.** In October, PaintCare received the Platinum Award for Integrated Marketing given by the MarCom international creative competition for the 3 Simple Rules for Painting Smarter promotional campaign.

**Communications.** Public outreach activities included the distribution of point-of-sale print materials, fact sheets, and signage, as well as messaging delivered via digital ads, streaming audio, social media, video, television, radio, print ads, and outdoor ads. PaintCare team members exhibited at face-to-face events across the state providing program information, including home and garden shows, as well as conferences for municipal officials and recycling professionals.

**Operations.** PaintCare staff visited hundreds of paint retailers, reuse operations, and municipalities throughout the state in an ongoing effort to establish a network of convenient drop-off sites for leftover paint. Since submittal of the previous fiscal year annual report, PaintCare had a net increase of 15 paint retail drop-off sites, resulting in a year-to-year increase of over 45,000 gallons recovered from retail locations. All locations that elected to voluntarily serve as a drop-off site for PaintCare were provided with in-person training regarding program-eligible materials. Reusable bins were made available to retail sites to store paint awaiting pickup and subsequent transport to processing facilities.

## PROGRAM PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT

The state's paint stewardship law required the approval of a program plan prior to the start of the program. Program plans and annual reports are available on PaintCare's website.

# Section 1. Paint Collection and Transportation

## Annual Report Statutory Citation

Paragraph 1 of Section 27-2005 requires PaintCare to submit an annual report that includes, in relevant part:

> *(a) A detailed description of the methods used to collect, transport and process postconsumer paint in the state including detailing collection methods made available to consumers and an evaluation of the program's collection convenience.*

## A. DROP-OFF SITES AND SERVICES

The overall goal of the program is to increase recycling opportunities for households, businesses, and others with leftover paint. All suitable locations were invited to participate as paint drop-off sites, provided they meet the program's operational requirements. PaintCare partners with paint retailers, hardware stores, lumber centers, material reuse stores, household hazardous waste programs, solid waste facilities (e.g., transfer stations, recycling centers, landfills), and other site types to serve as paint drop-off sites.

The program's drop-off sites and services are summarized in the following tables. PaintCare considers a site (including events) as year-round if it was open at least one day per month in the reporting year or if it is a new site and the site plans to be open at least one day per month going forward.

Sites that are open less frequently are considered supplemental sites. Sites that stopped participating in the program during the year are listed as "partial year." All sites and HHW D2D collection program sponsors are listed in the appendix.

YEAR-ROUND DROP-OFF SITES

| Site Type | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Household Hazardous Waste Facility | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Landfill | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Site | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Paint Recycler | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Paint Retailer | 301 | 331 | 346 |
| Recycling Center | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Reuse Store | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| Transfer Station | 8 | 17 | 19 |
| Total Sites | 334 | 373 | 390 |

### SUPPLEMENTAL DROP-OFF SITES

| Site Type | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Household Hazardous Waste Event Site/Number of Events | 75/116 | 86/133 | 76/115 |
| Household Hazardous Waste Facility (Seasonal) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Other Event Site (DEC Clean Sweep)/Number of Events | 5/5 | 4/4 | 9/9 |
| Other Site | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| PaintCare Event Site/Number of Events | 0/0 | 2/3 | 6/7 |
| Paint-Only Event (Non-PaintCare) Site/Number of Events | 22/25 | 22/24 | 27/27 |
| Paint Recycler (Partial Year) | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Paint Retailer (Partial Year) | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Reuse Store (Partial Year) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Transfer Station (Seasonal) | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Total Sites | 109 | 128 | 134 |

### SPECIAL SITES (NON-PAINTCARE)

| Site Type | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| DSNY Special Waste Site | 5 | 5 | 5 |

### SERVICES

| Site/Service Type | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Direct Pickup Site/Number of Pickups | 275/304 | 269/288 | 262/281 |
| Recurring Large Volume Pickup Site | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| HHW D2D Collection Program | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| PaintCare D2D Collection Service | 0 | 0 | 1/151 |

The program's drop-off sites and services are described below.

**Household Hazardous Waste Programs.** PaintCare partners with household hazardous waste programs—either directly or indirectly—to cover the costs of their paint collection bins, transportation, processing and

in some cases additional on-site paint management activities. HHW programs are typically good program partners because they have an existing customer base and provide an “all-in-one” HHW drop-off opportunity.

**Paint Retailers.** At the end of the report period, PaintCare identified 1,553 paint retailers—including paint, hardware, and home improvement stores—with 1,174 considered potential paint retail drop-off sites. This number may change from year to year as stores open and close. PaintCare does not consider a store to be a potential drop-off site if it belongs to a corporate chain and the corporate headquarters has indicated that—as a group—they are not interested in serving as drop-off sites at this time. These are primarily big box stores.

Of the 1,174 potential retail drop-off sites, 346 (30%) were participating as drop-off sites at the end of the report period. Retail participation as a drop-off site is voluntary, and sites are not compensated.

PaintCare regularly visited paint retailers throughout the state to answer program questions and highlight the benefits of becoming a paint drop-off site. As a result, the network of drop-off locations continued to grow throughout the report period, with 24 new retail drop-off sites providing all-year drop-off to their commercial and residential customers. Thirteen retailers dropped out of the program for a variety of reasons, including store closure and relocating to a smaller location with limited storage capacity.

**Reuse Stores.** A special group of retailers are material reuse stores. Even though only some of these stores sell paint, they are considered to be potential drop-off sites. Those who are drop-off sites may operate paint reuse programs by donating or selling good quality leftover paint back to the local community to use, rather than sending it downstream through PaintCare for processing. PaintCare provided compensation for reuse services.

Of the potential 37 reuse store drop-off sites, eight (22%) were participating as drop-off sites at the end of the report period. Six participated in the reuse program.

**Solid Waste Facilities.** PaintCare partners with solid waste facilities, including transfer stations, recycling centers, and landfills to be paint drop-off sites for their customers.

At the end of the report period, 25 year-round municipal solid waste facilities were serving as drop-off sites.

**Paint Recycler.** GreenSheen Paint in Rotterdam is a latex paint recycler and served as a drop-off site for the program. They accepted large quantities of leftover paint from eligible program participants in the state.

**Other Sites.** Four municipal facilities served as PaintCare drop-off sites during the reporting period. Two facilities were open year-round: Oriskany Falls Department of Public Works and the Town of North Collins storage building. The remaining two, St. Lawrence County Highway Facility and the Town of Schaghticoke Highway Garage, were open April through November and are therefore classified as supplemental. Please note that the FY2025 annual report mistakenly listed the St. Lawrence County Highway Facility as year-round; the drop-off site tables above have been updated to reflect this correction.

**Special Sites.** DSNY operated five special waste drop-off sites – one located in each borough. These sites were not contracted with PaintCare for direct service; however, PaintCare covered the cost of processing the paint collected at these sites through an agreement with PaintCare and DSNY's mutual service provider, Veolia. Since these sites were not considered PaintCare sites, PaintCare did not promote them to the public or count them in the convenience analysis, but the paint volume collected and processed from these sites were included since PaintCare managed those aspects of paint management at PaintCare's expense.

**PaintCare Events.** PaintCare conducted seven paint drop-off events during the reporting period.

**Paint-Only Events (Non-PaintCare).** GreenSheen Paint organized paint-only collection events in Upstate New York. A total of 27 such events were conducted during the reporting period.

**Other Events.** PaintCare partnered with DEC to manage paint from their nine "Clean Sweep" events and managed the transportation and processing of program-eligible materials at PaintCare's expense.

**Direct Pickup Service.** PaintCare's LVP service provided a convenient option for painting contractors and other eligible program participants who accumulated large volumes of paint. The minimum amount to receive an LVP is 100 gallons. In June 2025, PaintCare lowered the minimum amount to receive an LVP in the five boroughs of New York City (NYC) to 50 gallons. Typically, users of the service have accumulated paint over many years due to the institutional, logistical, and financial barriers to disposal. PaintCare aimed to remove these barriers by providing a free and convenient service. Common users of this service include contractors, builders, property managers, academic institutions, and homeowners, and are further described in the appendix.

In addition to the LVP service, PaintCare offered a pickup service to SQG and LQG generators in New York with volumes of less than 100 gallons (or less than 50 gallons in NYC). This service was offered in lieu of other drop-off opportunities, which were not currently permissible under New York law.

**Recurring Large Volume Pickup Service.** Some LVP sites receive pickups on an on-going basis. These RLVP sites sign a contract with PaintCare to allow them to keep PaintCare collection bins on site and fill them as they accumulate leftover paint. In addition, staff at these locations are trained by PaintCare on how to segregate products and store them until picked up by a transporter.

**HHW D2D Collection Programs.** D2D collection of household hazardous waste materials was provided by five communities and included collection of PaintCare products. PaintCare was not involved with the D2D collection component of these programs; however, the program-eligible material collected through those programs was subsequently processed through the PaintCare program and is included in the program totals.

**Paint-Only D2D Collection Program.** PaintCare launched a free, paint-only D2D collection program on Staten Island in early 2026 for households and others with 10 or more gallons of leftover paint.

## B. CONVENIENCE CRITERIA

PaintCare analyzed the convenience level offered by drop-off sites using ArcGIS, a mapping and analytics software, and U.S. Census Bureau 2020 population data. PaintCare uses Urban Areas data for density analysis. The Census Bureau defines Urban Areas as populated areas with 5,000 or more residents.

Some sites (e.g., HHW facilities) have geographic limitations; they are only available to residents of their own city, county, or jurisdiction (i.e., residents of other jurisdictions are not allowed to use the site to drop off HHW/paint even if they live close by). For these sites, PaintCare tracks their service area restrictions and only counts the population for those residents who are (1) within a 15-mile radius, and (2) within the site's service area.

PaintCare established goals to provide paint drop-off sites according to the criteria that follow. However, in contrast to the protocol used by PaintCare for convenience analysis in most other PaintCare states, PaintCare is presenting the convenience analysis in New York with the following limitations to align with DEC's interpretation of the relevant statutory language: (1) each drop-off site is included (counted towards) one of the two convenience criteria, not both. (2) only year-round drop-off sites are used to measure progress in meeting the convenience goals. Supplemental sites such as HHW events are thus not included in the convenience analysis presented below under the "DEC protocol" heading.

PaintCare also conducted convenience analysis using its standard protocol (reflecting PaintCare's interpretation of the relevant statutory language) to allow for a uniform comparison with other PaintCare states. Under PaintCare's protocol, (1) a drop-off site can be counted towards both convenience criteria, if applicable, and (2) both year-round and supplemental drop-off sites are used to measure progress in meeting the convenience goals. The results from both methods are provided below.

**Distribution Criterion.** Provide 90% of the state's residents access to a drop-off site within 15 miles.

DEC protocol: To meet this criterion using the DEC protocol, in addition to all 141 year-round sites located outside of urban areas, 36 year-round sites located within urban areas were included in the analysis to achieve the distribution criterion above 90%. Of the 36 sites in urban areas, 35 were sites that exceeded the target number of sites needed in urban areas, and one was a site that would otherwise contribute to meeting the target number of sites in urban areas. The 36 sites in urban areas used to meet the distribution criteria were not included in the density analysis (per DEC protocol).

PaintCare protocol: Including all the program's 390 year-round drop-off sites in the distribution analysis (141 sites outside of urban areas and 249 sites within urban areas), provided 99% of the state's residents access to a year-round drop-off site within 15 miles. When supplemental sites were included, coverage increased to 99.2%.

**Density Criterion.** Provide one additional drop-off site for every 50,000 residents of an Urban Area.

DEC protocol: The following table shows the population centers in the state, the target number of sites the program should provide, and the level of service the program had at year-end with year-round sites only and excluding the 36 sites located in urban areas that were used to meet the distribution criterion.

TARGET NUMBER OF PAINT DROP-OFF SITES IN URBAN AREAS

| Census Bureau Urban Area | Population in New York | Target Number of Sites | Number of Year-Round Sites | Number of Additional Sites Needed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albany-Schenectady | 593,142 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Binghampton | 155,942 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Bridgeport—Stamford | 55,434 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 948,864 | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Elmira | 62,468 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Glens Falls | 71,191 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ithaca | 59,102 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kingston | 50,254 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kiryas Joel | 71,582 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Middletown | 61,516 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| New York-Newark | 12,909,844 | 258 | 145 | 113 |
| Poughkeepsie—Newburgh | 314,766 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Riverhead—Southold | 51,120 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rochester | 704,327 | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Saratoga Springs | 75,684 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Syracuse | 413,660 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Utica | 119,059 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Watertown | 51,832 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

To correspond with the New York Program Plan, the following table provides additional details about the number of sites by county for the New York-Newark urban area. (Note: the total number of sites needed decreased by a few when breaking the urban area into smaller areas due to rounding.)

## NEW YORK-NEWARK URBAN AREA BREAKDOWN

| County | Population in New York | Target Number of Sites | Number of Year-Round Sites | Number of Additional Sites Needed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bronx | 1,472,657 | 29 | 6 | 23 |
| Kings (Brooklyn) | 2,736,074 | 54 | 25 | 29 |
| Nassau | 1,389,785 | 27 | 26 | 1 |
| New York (Manhattan) | 1,694,251 | 33 | 11 | 22 |
| Putnam | 57,886 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Queens | 2,405,390 | 48 | 23 | 25 |
| Richmond (Staten Island) | 495,747 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| Rockland | 337,010 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Suffolk | 1,418,173 | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Westchester | 902,871 | 18 | 14 | 4 |

PaintCare protocol: The following table shows the population centers in the state, the target number of sites the program should provide, and the level of service the program had at year-end when including all year-round and supplemental sites in the urban areas in the density analysis.

## TARGET NUMBER OF PAINT DROP-OFF SITES IN URBAN AREAS

| Census Bureau Urban Area | Population in New York | Target Number of Sites | Number of Year-Round Sites | Number of Year-Round & Supplemental Sites | Number of Additional Sites Needed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albany-Schenectady | 593,142 | 11 | 22 | 30 | 0 |
| Binghampton | 155,942 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Bridgeport—Stamford | 55,434 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 948,864 | 18 | 18 | 30 | 0 |
| Elmira | 62,468 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Glens Falls | 71,191 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
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| Kingston | 50,254 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
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| Middletown | 61,516 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| New York-Newark | 12,909,844 | 258 | 145 | 172 | 86 |
| Poughkeepsie—Newburgh | 314,766 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| Riverhead—Southold | 51,120 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Rochester | 704,327 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 0 |
| Saratoga Springs | 75,684 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Syracuse | 413,660 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 0 |
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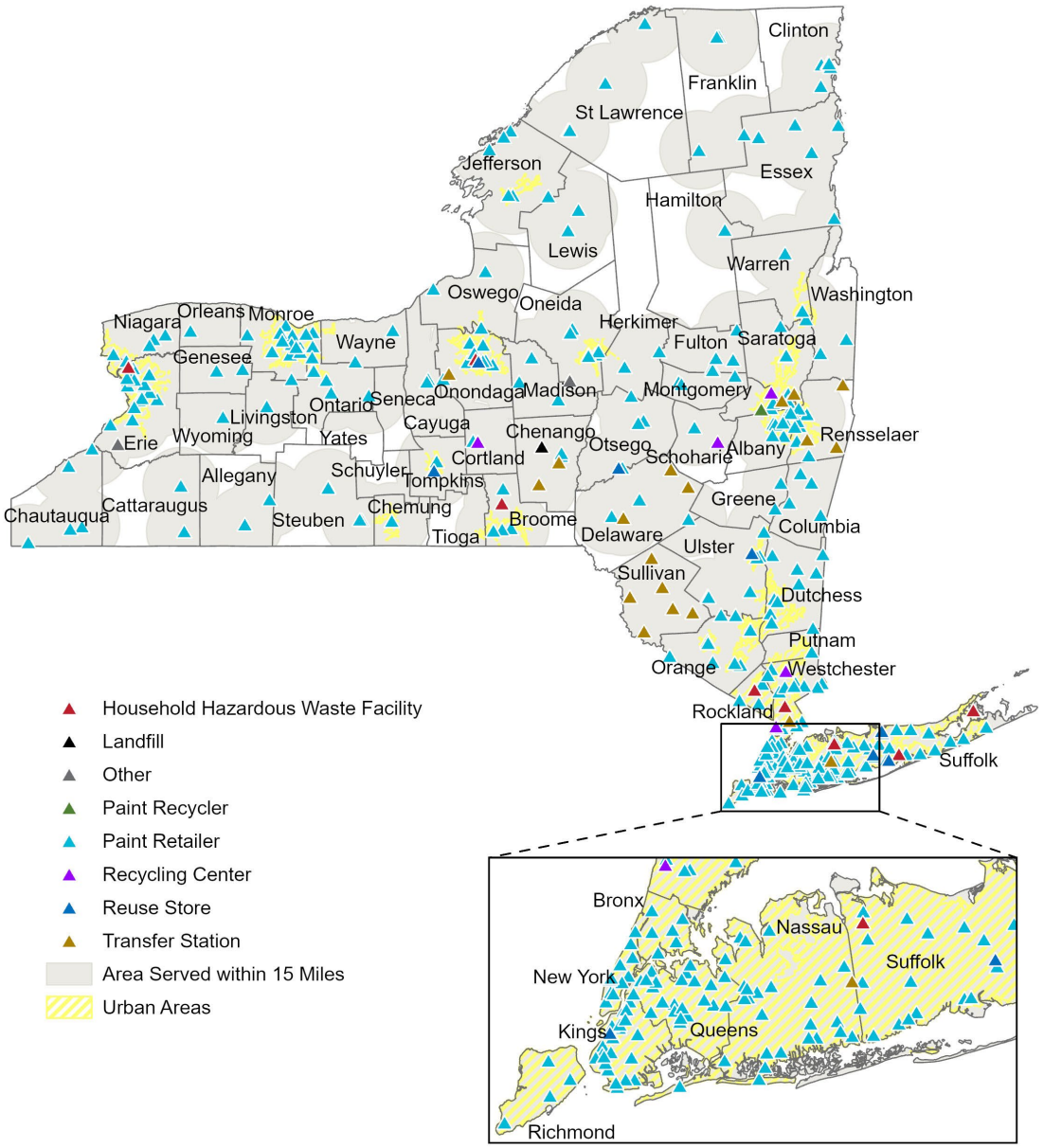
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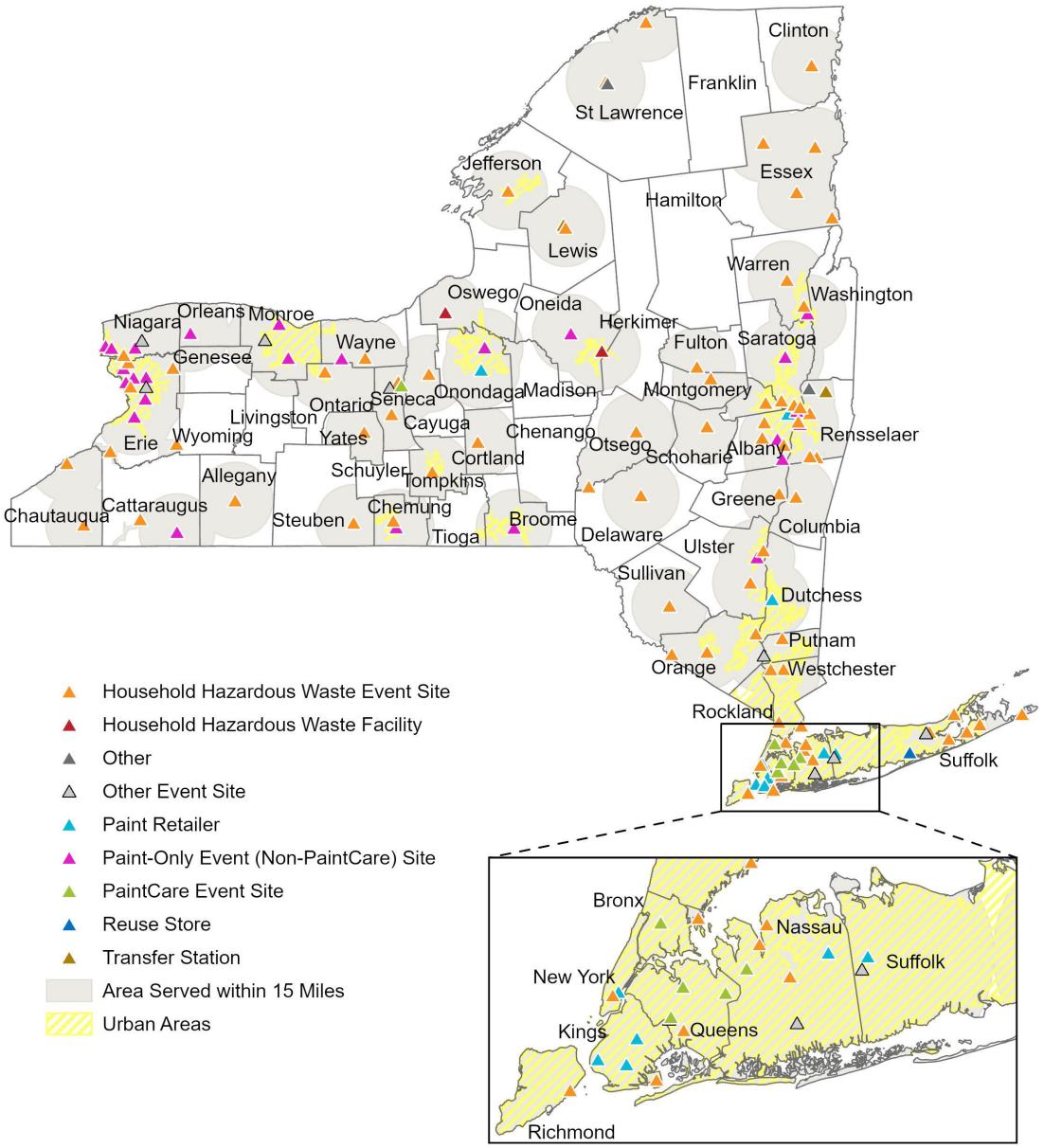
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bronx | 1,472,657 | 29 | 6 | 7 | 22 |
| Kings (Brooklyn) | 2,736,074 | 54 | 25 | 29 | 25 |
| Nassau | 1,389,785 | 27 | 26 | 31 | 0 |
| New York (Manhattan) | 1,694,251 | 33 | 11 | 13 | 20 |
| Putnam | 57,886 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Queens | 2,405,390 | 48 | 24 | 29 | 19 |
| Richmond (Staten Island) | 495,747 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Rockland | 337,010 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Suffolk | 1,418,173 | 28 | 31 | 35 | 0 |
| Westchester | 902,871 | 18 | 14 | 19 | 0 |

**Maps.** The following maps show the locations of the sites and services available during the report period: (1) year-round sites; (2) supplemental sites; (3) year-round and supplemental sites; and (4) direct pickup sites, which were not included when conducting convenience analysis.

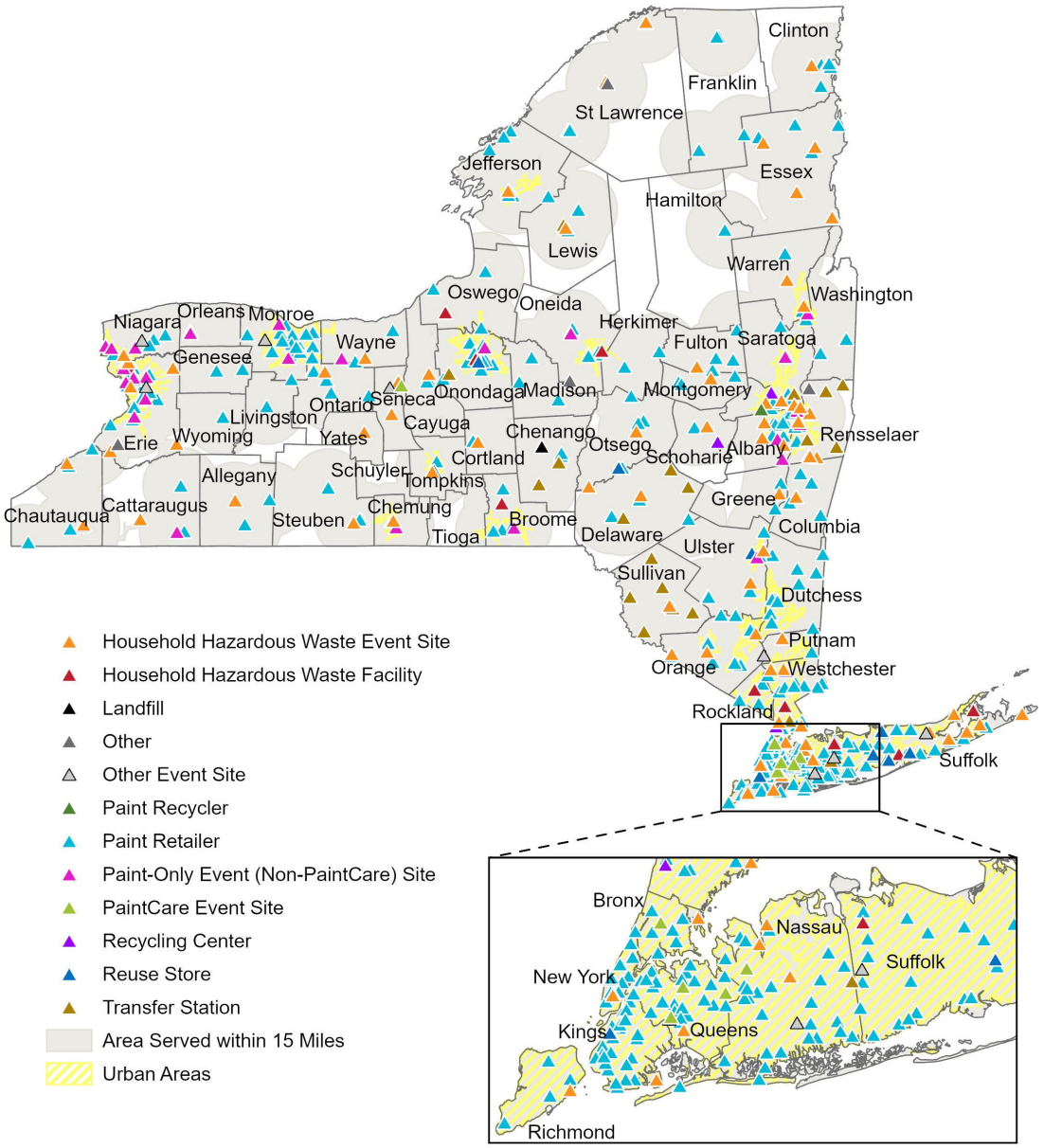
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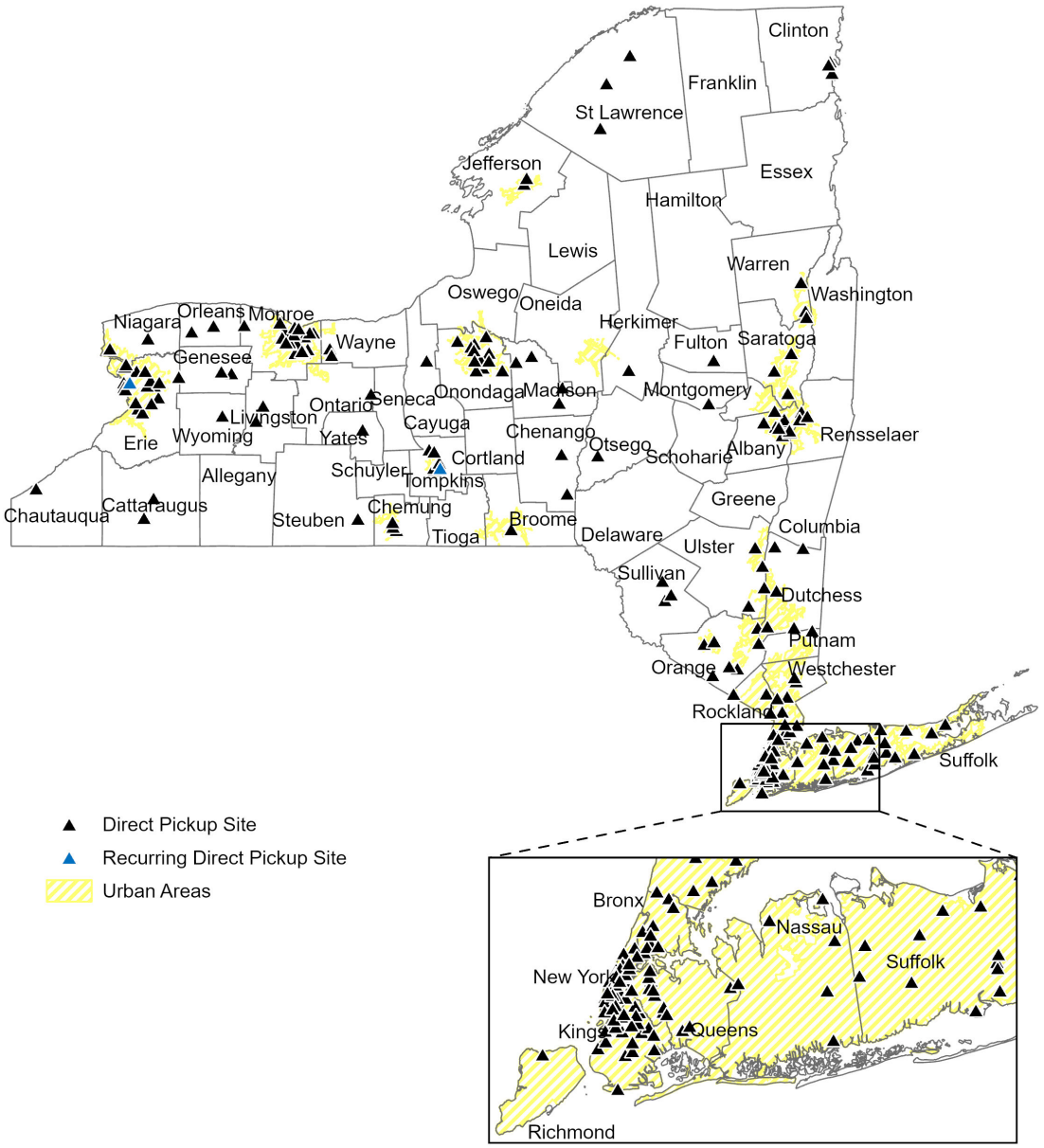
## SUPPLEMENTAL SITES



## YEAR-ROUND AND SUPPLEMENTAL SITES



## DIRECT PICKUP SITES



## C. PAINT COLLECTION PROCEDURES

The program has agreements with owners or operators of all drop-off sites, and other partners, that set forth collection procedures. PaintCare agreements require that sites meet all requirements of local, state, and federal law, regulations, and policies.

All new sites (other than Direct Pickup) received site guidelines and all sites (other than HHWs and Direct Pickup) also received an on-site, in-person training that covered topics in the site guidelines including identification and screening of program products, paint storage, spill response, arranging to have paint picked up, and record keeping. A copy of the current site guidelines for drop-off sites is included in the appendix.

Site personnel are required to visually inspect, but not open, containers of paint to confirm that they are acceptable program products and then place them in spill proof collection bins provided by the program. Unlabeled and leaking containers are not accepted at retail or other non-HHW sites; however, trained staff at HHW facilities and events can accept and prepare them for management under their program to the extent permissible under applicable law.

PaintCare staff visit most drop-off sites on a regular basis to check on their operations and to provide additional training and consumer outreach materials as needed.

**Permits.** DEC requires all participating drop-off sites in the program to complete the NYS Postconsumer Paint Collection Program Paint Collection Site Certification Form. This Certification Form, along with a duly executed drop-off site agreement between PaintCare New York LLC and the drop-off site, serves to register the drop-off site in accordance with the New York Paint Stewardship Program Plan as approved by the DEC. PaintCare assists sites with the submission of the Certification Form to the DEC.

## D. PAINT TRANSPORTATION

PaintCare contracted with the following companies for transportation services. Individual sites are assigned to transporters based on costs and logistics.

TRANSPORTERS

| Name | Site Types Served |
|---|---|
| Clean Harbors | HHW Event/Facility, LVP/RLVP, Direct Pickup, Other Site, PaintCare Event, Paint Retailer, Reuse Store, Solid Waste Event/Facility |
| GreenSheen | Latex Paint Recycler, LVP/RLVP, Other Site, PaintCare Event, Paint-Only Event (Non-PaintCare), Paint Retailer, Reuse Store, Solid Waste Facility, D2D Collection |
| Miller Environmental | HHW Event/Facility |
| Momentum Environmental | HHW Event/Facility |
| MXI (Maumee Express Inc) | HHW Event/Facility, Other Site, PaintCare Event |
| Veolia ES Technical Solutions | HHW Event/Facility, Special Waste Site |
| Waste Management | HHW D2D Collection Program |

# Section 2. Paint Collection Volume and Processing Methods

### Annual Report Statutory Citation

Paragraph 1 of Section 27-2005 requires PaintCare to submit an annual report that includes, in relevant part:

> *(a) A detailed description of the methods used to collect, transport and process postconsumer paint in the state including detailing collection methods made available to consumers and an evaluation of the program's collection convenience.*
>
> *(b) The overall volume of postconsumer paint collected in the state.*
>
> *(c) The volume and type of postconsumer paint collected in the state by method of disposition, including reuse, recycling and other methods of processing or disposal.*

## A. COLLECTION VOLUME AND RECOVERY RATE

The table below provides the gallons of paint collected, gallons of new paint sales, and the resulting recovery rate. The recovery rate is a ratio of the volume (number of gallons) of paint collected compared to the volume of paint sold in the program during the same time period.

GALLONS COLLECTED, SOLD, AND RECOVERY RATE

| Description | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paint Collected (gallons) | 701,367 | 757,818 | 817,675 |
| New Paint Sold (gallons) | 24,190,939 | 24,120,353 | 22,654,802 |
| Recovery Rate | 2.9% | 3.1% | 3.6% |

PaintCare typically receives reports of gross pounds of paint collected, along with the number of bins or other collection containers from its transporters or drop-off site partners. Gallons of paint collected are calculated by removing the estimated weight of collection bins and paint cans and converting the remaining weight to volume, typically using 10 pounds per gallon for the conversion.

As indicated by the table above, there was an increase of 59,857 gallons of paint collected in FY2026 versus the previous reporting period, as well as a decrease of 1,465,551 gallons in the amount of new paint sold. The increase in paint recovered is likely attributable to a number of factors, including the increase in the number of drop-off sites and increased awareness of the PaintCare program.

An estimate of gallons collected at each site during the report period is included in the appendix.

## B. PAINT PROCESSING METHODS AND VOLUME

The following tables provide the volumes and paint processing methods for latex and oil-based paint during the report period. Descriptions of the processing methods follow the tables. Processed volume differs from collected volume because not all paint is processed in the same year that it is collected. (Note: processing method volume percentages may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding.)

### LATEX PAINT PROCESSING METHODS

| Method | FY24 Gallons | FY24 Percent | FY25 Gallons | FY25 Percent | FY26 Gallons | FY26 Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reuse | 2,428 | <1% | 3,042 | <1% | 3,873 | <1% |
| Paint-to-Paint Recycling | 412,703 | 83% | 533,186 | 85% | 590,095 | 91% |
| Energy Recovery | 28,965 | 6% | 41,062 | 7% | 0 | 0 |
| Disposal | 50,709 | 10% | 49,522 | 8% | 55,976 | 9% |
| Total | 494,805 | 100% | 626,812 | 100% | 649,944 | 100% |

### OIL-BASED PAINT PROCESSING METHODS

| Method | FY24 Gallons | FY24 Percent | FY25 Gallons | FY25 Percent | FY26 Gallons | FY26 Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reuse | 69 | <1% | 182 | <1% | 43 | <1% |
| Paint-to-Paint Recycling | 4,623 | 3% | 16,209 | 11% | 0 | 0 |
| Energy Recovery | 142,024 | 96% | 131,372 | 87% | 132,016 | 91% |
| Incineration | 1,534 | 1% | 2,987 | 2% | 13,608 | 9% |
| Total | 148,250 | 100% | 150,750 | 100% | 145,667 | 100% |

## C. LATEX PAINT PROCESSING METHODS AND PROCESSORS

The following methods were used to process latex paint:

**Reuse.** Latex paint was sold or given away in its original labeled containers without any alteration of the container contents.

**Paint-to-Paint Recycling.** Latex paint was sorted, blended, and sometimes re-tinted into recycled-content latex paint for local use or domestic or international sale.

**Energy Recovery.** Latex paint unsuitable for recycled-content paint was processed for energy recovery at a waste-to-energy facility.

**Disposal.** Dry or solidified latex paint was landfilled. Some liquid latex paint was also used as alternative daily cover (ADC), which is considered disposal in New York.

LATEX PAINT PROCESSORS

| Processor | Location | Process |
|---|---|---|
| Advanced Disposal | Blountville, TN | Disposal |
| GDB | Nashville, TN | Paint-to-Paint Recycling |
| GDB | Pinckneyville, IL | Paint-to-Paint Recycling |
| GreenSheen | Rotterdam, NY | Paint-to-Paint Recycling |
| GreenSheen | Rotterdam, NY | Reuse |
| MXI | Abingdon, VA | Paint-to-Paint Recycling |
| Perry Ridge Landfill | DuQuoin, IL | Disposal |
| Rapp Road Landfill | Albany, NY | Disposal |
| Reuse Store | Various | Reuse |

## D. OIL-BASED PAINT PROCESSING METHODS AND PROCESSORS

The following methods were used to process oil-based paint:

**Reuse.** Oil-based paint was sold or given away in its original labeled containers without any alteration of the container contents.

**Paint-to-Paint Recycling.** Oil-based paint was sorted and blended into recycled-content oil-based paint for domestic or international sale.

**Energy Recovery.** Oil-based paint was processed for energy recovery at a waste-to-energy facility and/or cement kiln.

**Incineration.** Oil-based paint was incinerated.

## OIL-BASED PAINT PROCESSORS

| Processor | Location | Process |
|---|---|---|
| Buzzi Unicem | Cape Girardeau, MO | Energy Recovery |
| Buzzi Unicem | Greencastle, IN | Energy Recovery |
| Clean Harbors | El Dorado, AR | Incineration |
| Clean Harbors | Kimball, NE | Incineration |
| Geocycle | Holly Hill, SC | Energy Recovery |
| Green America | Hannibal, MO | Energy Recovery |
| Heidelberg Materials | Logansport, IN | Energy Recovery |
| Heidelberg Materials | Harleyville, SC | Energy Recovery |
| Reuse Store | Finger Lakes, NY | Reuse |
| Keystone Cement | Bath, PA | Energy Recovery |

## E. PAINT COLLECTION VOLUME BY SITE TYPE OR SERVICE

The following table shows the volume of paint collected by site type or service. (Note: site type volume percentages may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding.)

COLLECTION VOLUME BY SITE TYPE OR SERVICE

| Site Type/Service | FY24 Gallons | FY24 Percent | FY25 Gallons | FY25 Percent | FY26 Gallons | FY26 Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Direct Pickup Service | 54,894 | 8% | 49,209 | 6% | 48,593 | 6% |
| HHW D2D Collection Program | 1,269 | <1% | 1,430 | <1% | 1,189 | <1% |
| HHW Event | 136,366 | 19% | 138,979 | 18% | 112,321 | 14% |
| HHW Facility | 94,595 | 14% | 102,131 | 14% | 102,959 | 13% |
| HHW Seasonal Facility | 17,948 | 3% | 16,331 | 2% | 16,148 | 2% |
| Other Event | 1,618 | <1% | 2,931 | <1% | 9,345 | 1% |
| Paint-Only Event (Non-PaintCare) | 82,821 | 12% | 91,847 | 12% | 117,096 | 14% |
| Paint Recycler | 26,486 | 4% | 18,936 | 3% | 5,114 | <1% |
| Paint Retailer | 237,076 | 34% | 272,632 | 36% | 317,794 | 39% |
| PaintCare Event | 0 | 0% | 5,688 | 1% | 6,227 | 1% |
| PaintCare D2D Collection | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1,187 | <1% |
| Reuse Store | 6,701 | 1% | 10,332 | 1% | 12,025 | 2% |
| Solid Waste Facilities | 23,923 | 3% | 28,783 | 4% | 45,008 | 5% |
| Special Sites (DSNY) | 17,670 | 3% | 18,589 | 3% | 22,669 | 3% |
| Total | 701,367 | 100% | 757,818 | 100% | 817,675 | 100% |

## F. CONTAINER RECYCLING

The following table shows the tons of metal and plastic paint containers recycled during the report period.

CONTAINER RECYCLING

| | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tons | 440 | 487 | 415 |

# Section 3. Independent Audit and Financial Summary

### Annual Report Statutory Citation

Paragraph 1 of Section 27-2005 requires PaintCare to submit an annual report that includes, in relevant part:

> *(d) The total cost of implementing the program, as determined by an independent financial audit, as performed by an independent auditor.*

## A. INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT

An independent financial audit of the PaintCare program was conducted by Rogers & Company PLLC. This independent CPA firm conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that the firm plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. The audit process includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In Rogers & Company's opinion, the financial statements of PaintCare present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as of June 30, 2026, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the report period ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The independent financial audit of the PaintCare program is available in the appendix.

## B. FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

### B1. Revenue and Expense Categories

**Revenue.** Revenue is derived from fees on new paint sales.

**Expense Categories.** With the exception of General and Administrative Allocation, the following expense categories were state-specific costs related to the implementation of the New York program:

**Paint Processing.** Processing costs were based on the weight, volume of paint, or number of paint collection bins or drums from drop-off sites and services. Processing costs included the cost of sorting bins of comingled latex and oil-based paint from drop-off sites as well as the ultimate recycling or other processing methods.

**Paint Transportation.** Transportation costs were based on one or more of the following: the number of bins and drums picked up, number of stops, or mileage.

**Paint Collection Supplies and Support.** Collection supplies and support expenses included paint collection bins, spill kits, training materials, signs, and other related costs for drop-off sites, and LVPs.

**Communications.** Communications expenses included advertising, printing and distribution of brochures and other outreach materials, media relations, event promotion, conferences & memberships, production, translations, the awareness survey, earned media, and joint outreach.

**Personnel, Professional Services and Other.** Personnel, professional services and other included the direct costs of program staff, travel, legal fees, office supplies, and other logistical and professional support.

**Loan Interest.** The cost incurred by the program for borrowing funds to cover program expenses prior to program launch. Interest is paid annually through the duration of the loan period.

**General and Administrative.** General and administrative costs included administrative and corporate staff, back-office support (e.g., information technology, human resources, legal, accounting, and government affairs), insurance, data management systems, annual financial audit, software licenses, professional services for corporate or organization-wide matters, occupancy, general communications, and other supplies and services that support all PaintCare programs. These costs were shared across all PaintCare programs and allocated relative to population. New York's share of the general and administrative allocation was 18.4%.

## B2. Financial Summary

The following table shows program revenue and expenses.

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

| Revenue | FY24 | FY24 Percent of Total | FY25 | FY25 Percent of Total | FY26 | FY26 Percent of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Small Containers | $1,897,518 | 11% | $1,725,955 | 10% | $1,612,428 | 10% |
| Medium Containers | 10,523,255 | 62% | 10,200,855 | 61% | 9,554,045 | 61% |
| Large Containers | 4,683,361 | 27% | 4,824,784 | 29% | 4,542,443 | 29% |
| Total Revenue | 17,104,134 | 100% | 16,751,594 | 100% | 15,708,916 | 100% |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Paint Processing | 3,510,656 | 32% | 3,881,561 | 31% | 4,174,835 | 31% |
| Paint Transportation | 1,768,739 | 16% | 1,944,673 | 15% | 2,344,935 | 17% |
| Paint Collection Supplies and Support | 491,153 | 4% | 601,715 | 5% | 593,032 | 4% |
| Communications | 2,699,263 | 24% | 3,264,063 | 26% | 3,655,510 | 27% |
| Personnel, Professional Fees, Other | 734,650 | 7% | 780,165 | 6% | 951,137 | 7% |
| Loan Interest | 134,104 | 1% | 170,944 | 1% | 0 | 0% |
| General and Administrative | 1,715,337 | 16% | 2,055,197 | 16% | 1,780,081 | 13% |
| Total Expenses | 11,053,902 | 100% | 12,698,318 | 100% | 13,499,530 | 100% |
| Change in Net Assets | 6,050,232 | | 4,053,276 | | 2,620,254 | |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 8,683,251 | | 14,733,483 | | 18,786,759 | |
| Net Assets, End of Year | $14,733,483 | | $18,786,759 | | $21,407,013 | |
| Reserve Level | 133% | | 148% | | 159% | |
| Cost Per Gallon of Paint Collected | $15.76 | | $16.76 | | $16.51 | |

Note: Due to rounding, Total Revenue and/or Total Expenses may differ by a few dollars in some years and percentages may not add up to 100%.

Notable changes between the last two fiscal program years include:

- Revenue decreased by just over $1.04 million, or 6%, in FY26 versus FY25 due to decreased paint sales.
- Expenses increased by 6% in FY26 versus FY25. Several factors contributed to this, including an increased investment in public outreach (Communications), general inflationary cost increases, and higher costs for Paint Processing, Transportation, and Collection due to increased paint recovery.
- Program revenues continue to cover program expenses, and reserve levels remain robust.

## C. RESERVES

Reserves represent the net assets (investments and/or checking account balance) of the program. Reserves provide the program with a balance that is sufficient to pay its bills in times of either higher than expected paint collection (higher expenses), lower than expected paint sales (lower revenue), or a combination of the two. Net assets total $21,407,013, representing a reserve level of 159%.

PaintCare's program in New York began four years ago and continues to develop in many respects. PaintCare continues to closely monitor its reserve levels and will consider various options to reduce them, including increased investment in public education and outreach, as the program matures.

## D. EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM'S FUNDING MECHANISM

PaintCare fees placed on the sale of new paints are based on container sizes as follows:

PAINTCARE FEE SCHEDULE

| Size | Container Size | Fee |
|---|---|---|
| Very Small | Half pint or smaller | $0.00 |
| Small | Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon | $0.45 |
| Medium | 1—2 gallons | $0.95 |
| Large | Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons | $1.95 |

Manufacturers and/or their designated representatives reported sales and remitted fees to PaintCare directly.

Based on the program's financial performance, no adjustment to either the fee structure or the reporting system is presently necessary.

# Section 4. Communications

### Annual Report Statutory Citation

Paragraph 1 of Section 27-2005 requires PaintCare to submit an annual report that includes, in relevant part:

> *(e) Samples of all educational materials provided to consumers of architectural paint and retailers.*
>
> *(f) A detailed list of efforts undertaken and an evaluation of the methods used to disseminate such materials including recommendations, if any, for how the educational component of the program can be improved.*

## A. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### A1. Introduction

PaintCare's outreach strategy includes a variety of activities targeted to retailers, painting contractors, municipal agencies, and the public through direct contact and advertising. Outreach efforts focused on encouraging the public to recycle their unwanted paint and also included messages related to reducing paint waste by planning ahead for a paint purchase and using up leftover paint.

Outreach was conducted by distributing brochures and other printed materials to retailers and others and by using a variety of media including digital advertising, streaming audio, social media, video, radio, print advertising, and outdoor advertising. The main call-to-action of outreach materials and messaging directs readers to PaintCare's website for more information on finding a drop-off site, reusing paint, reducing waste, and finding more information about the program.

In addition, PaintCare sponsored a mural and hosted a ribbon cutting for the unveiling in Albany, NY. This opportunity served as a highly visible outreach initiative using public art to raise awareness of paint recycling, stewardship, and sustainability across New York's Capital Region.

The relative amounts of spending dedicated to different outreach activities are summarized in the following table.

RELATIVE SPENDING ON COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

| Activity | Percent |
|---|---|
| Out of Home | 24% |
| TV | 15% |
| Social Media | 14% |
| Print Ads | 13% |
| Radio | 10% |
| Digital Ads | 9% |
| Video | 5% |
| PR Agency Support | 4% |
| Streaming Audio | 1% |
| Event Promotion | 1% |
| Conference & Membership | <1% |
| Print Materials Distribution | <1% |
| Production | <1% |
| Earned Media | <1% |
| Surveys | <1% |
| Translations | <1% |
| Joint Projects | <1% |
| Total | 100% |

This year, most PR Agency Support costs were included in the total cost of media placement. These costs ranged from 15% to 30% of media placement cost, depending on the medium and the type of placement. They are included within Out of Home, TV, Social Media, Print Ads, Radio, Digital Ads, Video, and Streaming Audio listed in the chart above.

## A2. Point of Sale Print Materials

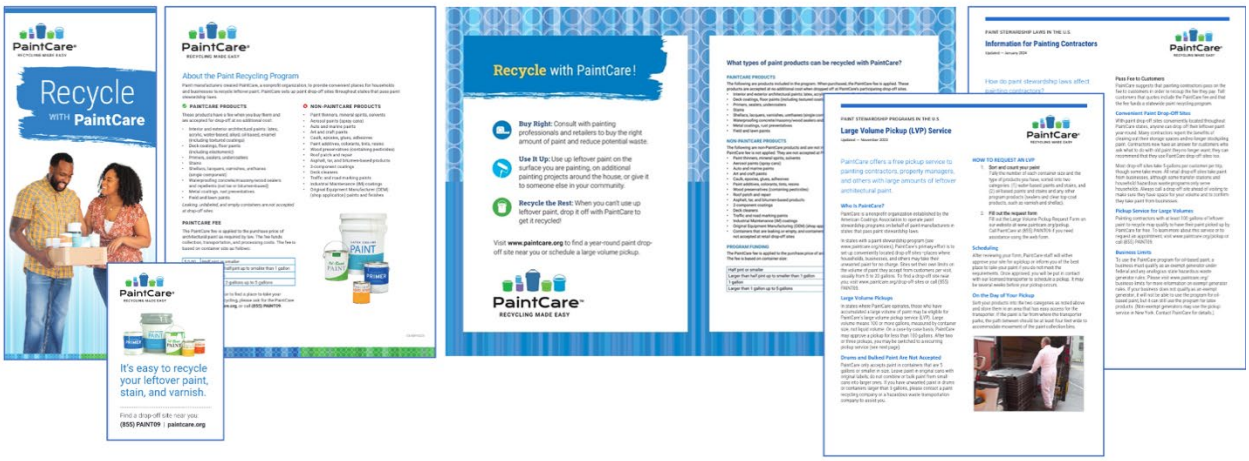
PaintCare distributed print materials to retailers for them to make available to consumers to educate them about the PaintCare program. Staff fulfilled requests for materials totaling 5,260 brochures, mini cards, fact sheets, posters, and other materials during the year. Program staff also delivered additional materials in person during site visits.

PaintCare provided counter mats to retailers for use in the paint department to reference when customers have questions. The counter mat is popular with retailers and more likely than the poster to be seen by customers while they wait for their paint to be mixed.

In the last quarter of 2025, PaintCare began implementing updated designs of its point-of-sale print materials and signage. The new designs are intended to improve effectiveness by making materials more

visually pleasing and eye-catching, making the text simpler and easier to read, and reducing material replacement costs by using “evergreen” text combined with QR codes that push readers to PaintCare’s website for more in-depth information. Updating and replacing materials with the new designs continued in 2026.

Larger versions of the materials shown below are included in the appendix and are available on the PaintCare website.




Brochure, Mini Card, Program Poster, Counter Mat, and Fact Sheets

In August, PaintCare sent postcards to Ace Hardware Stores in New York not currently participating as drop-off sites with information about becoming a drop-off site. In October, PaintCare sent postcards to reuse sites in New York not currently participating as drop-off sites with information about becoming a drop-off site.

In October, PaintCare sent letters and fact sheets to 70 paint retailers known to sell paint online. The letter provided a summary of PaintCare program information for retailers and a reminder that online paint sales are included under the paint stewardship law.

## A3. Fact Sheets

Several fact sheets are available on PaintCare’s website for different target audiences, and printed versions are distributed upon request. Minor updates are made throughout the year. Current versions of the fact sheets on PaintCare’s website include:

- How Does the Paint Stewardship Program Affect Paint Retailers?
- How to Become a Retail Drop-Off Site
- About PaintCare Fees

- Information for HHW Programs
- Information for Solid Waste Facilities Including Transfer Stations, Recycling Centers, and Landfills
- Reuse Programs – Compensation and Reporting
- Information about the Large Volume Pickup Service
- Information for Painting Contractors

## A4. Website

Most PaintCare advertising and outreach materials direct the public to PaintCare's website for more information and to find a local PaintCare site. The website is easy to navigate and features content on buying the right amount of paint, storage and reuse tips, and recycling. It contains special pages for manufacturers, retailers, contractors, waste facilities, products covered by the program, and the New York program. PaintCare's website is updated throughout the year. The most frequently visited part of the website is the PaintCare site locator.

There were 898,819 page views of the New York web page during the year.

PaintCare provides a web page of links to paint calculators from various sources, at www.paintcare.org/paint-calculators. These calculators can be used by households and businesses to help them buy the right amount of paint.

PaintCare maintains a list of locations by state where the public can find recycled-content paint at www.paintcare.org/recycled-paint-stores.

PaintCare's website also provides a series of video tips about storing paint properly to increase recyclability. The videos are used in social media posts and on PaintCare's website at www.paintcare.org/store-right.




Example of Storage Tip Video Showing Use of a Paint Key or Can Opener to Avoid Damaging Can

In September, December, March, and June, PaintCare distributed an electronic newsletter to New York retailers highlighting key program updates. Content included information on drop-off site training resources, the PaintCare fee, a review of program performance including the number of participating drop-off sites and gallons of paint collected, upcoming drop-off events, and sample frequently asked questions to support retailer engagement.

## A5. Translations

PaintCare translates program brochures and fact sheets into languages other than English upon requests from paint retailers and other stakeholders. PaintCare has translated its program brochure into Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Cantonese, Farsi, French, Haitian Creole, Hawaiian, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, and Yiddish. Three widely used fact sheets that provide information about the LVP service, guidance for painting contractors, and the program products list are also available in the 29 languages listed above. PaintCare maintains a Spanish language translation button on its website, making the site fully bilingual. Additionally, live interpretation in Spanish and other languages is available on PaintCare's telephone hotline by request. PaintCare provides information on how to access translations and hotline interpretation at www.paintcare.org/language-assistance/.

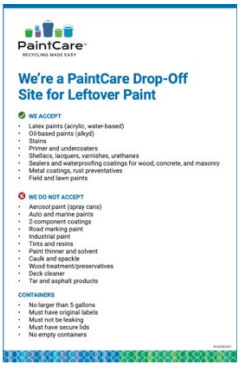
## A6. Signs for Drop-Off Sites

PaintCare provides several signs to drop-off sites to help them educate the public about the program, screen program products, and address any concerns about illegal dumping. Drop-off sites may order the following signs: Program Products (English/Spanish), Program Partner, Combination (program partner with simplified products list), No Dumping, and Please Wait for Assistance.
















## A7. Press Coverage

PaintCare, through its media agency, issued a number of press releases to local television, print, and digital media outlets to earn press coverage about the program. These efforts led to 29 mentions of PaintCare in the following outlets:

| Date | Media Outlet | Date | Media Outlet |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7/9/25 | CBS 6 News | 10/26/25 | Queens Gazette |
| 7/9/25 | WNYT | 11/28/25 | WAER 88.3 |
| 7/9/25 | WTEN 10 News | 12/4/25 | TBR News Media |
| 8/4/25 | WTEN 10 News | 12/30/25 | The Photo News |
| 8/18/25 | NYSAR | 3/18/26 | WNY Publications |
| 8/23/25 | Salamanca Press | 3/20/26 | WNY Publications |
| 8/29/25 | Newz Junky | 4/6/26 | Waste Today Magazine |
| 8/30/25 | WGRZ | 4/13/26 | WSYR-TV |
| 9/12/25 | WBNG | 5/2/26 | WGRZ-TV |
| 9/29/25 | Finger Lakes 1 | 5/8/26 | WBNG-TV |
| 10/6/25 | WSYR | 5/22/26 | Waste Today Magazine |
| 10/8/25 | Finger Lakes Daily News | 5/22/26 | Recycling Today |
| 10/8/25 | Finger Lakes Times | 5/30/26 | WGRZ-TV |
| 10/9/25 | WN.com | 6/3/26 | Work Truck Online |
| 10/23/25 | Glen Cove, NY | | |

In addition, on August 8, PaintCare issued a PR Newswire release about the unveiling of a new mural in Albany, NY. The release was picked up by 97 outlets including Yahoo Finance! and Morningstar.com.



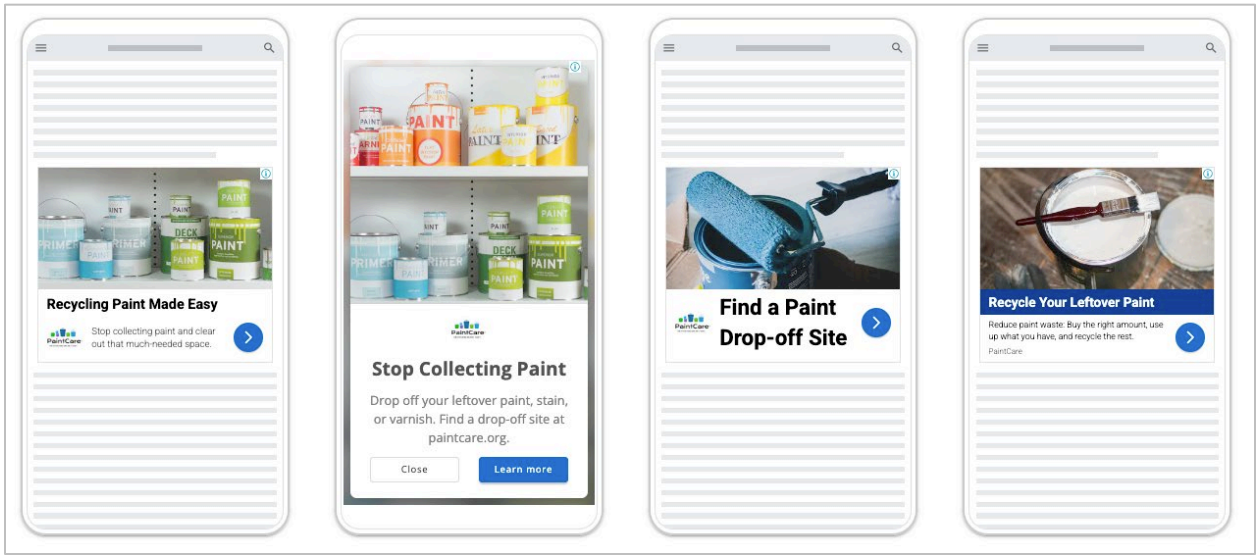
PaintCare Program Coordinator Kelsey O'Toole (left) Interviewed on WGRZ-TV

## A8. Awards

In October, PaintCare received the Platinum Award for Integrated Marketing given by the MarCom international creative competition for the 3 Simple Rules for Painting Smarter promotional campaign.

## A9. Digital Advertising

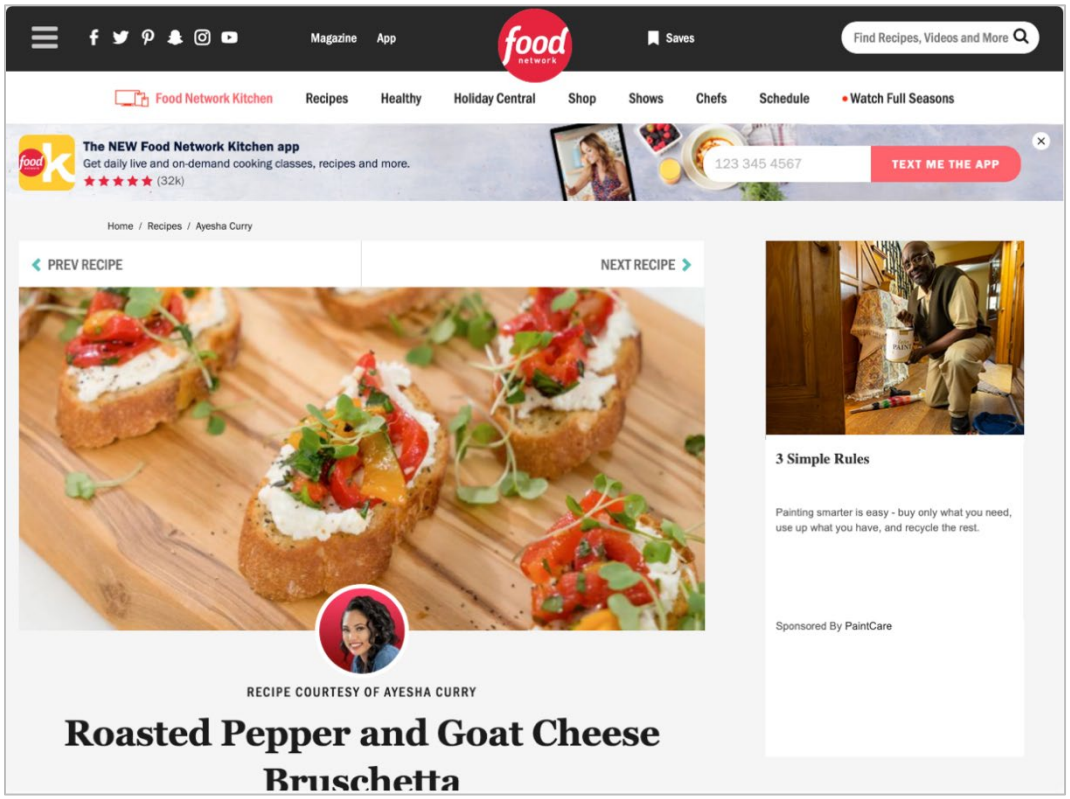
From July through November and February through June, PaintCare used digital advertising to efficiently promote messaging to target audiences and drive them to PaintCare's website and site locator tool. Advertisements targeted homeowners and paint consumers on a variety of popular websites across mobile, tablet, and desktop formats. Advertisements in Spanish, Italian, Chinese, and Russian ran from July through September and April through June. From July through September and April through June, PaintCare ran responsive display advertisements on Google targeting painting contractors, property managers, and other professionals who would benefit from PaintCare's large volume pickup service. From January through June, PaintCare ran responsive display advertisements on Google targeting households in Staten Island and promoting the D2D collection service.




Google Responsive Display Advertisements Promoting Recycling Paint

From July through September and April through June, PaintCare also used dynamic display digital advertising that used geotargeting to automatically provide information about each PaintCare drop-off site to nearby paint consumers and prompt them to drop off their paint for recycling.

From July through October and March through June, PaintCare used native display digital advertising to promote its messaging.




Example of PaintCare's Native Display Digital Advertisement on the Food Network Website

In July, PaintCare was highlighted in sponsored content placements in the Buffalo News, amNYmetro, TimesUnion, and the Brownstoner, highlighting paint recycling as good for the community and good for business.



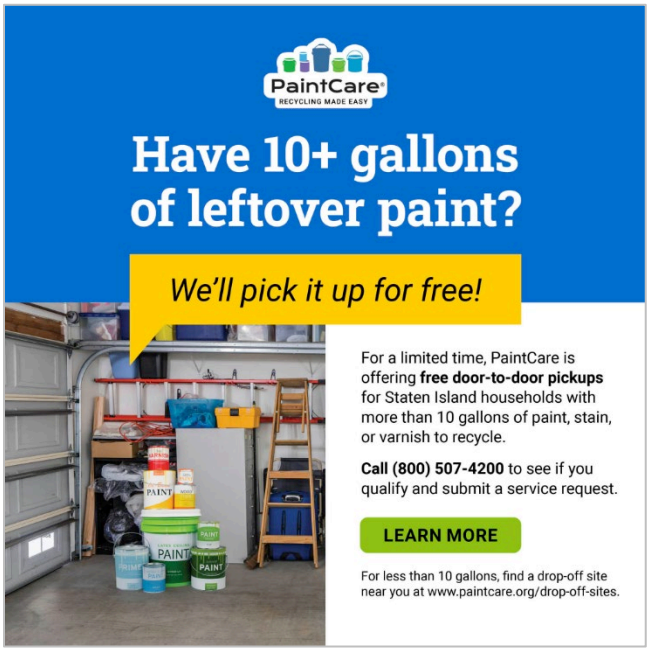

Buffalo News Sponsored Content Article

In July, August, October, November, December, April, and June, PaintCare placed seven paid email advertisements highlighting the importance of buying the right amount of paint, using up what's left, and recycling the rest. The July and October emails were distributed to an audience of 850,000 homeowners, the August and November emails went to an audience of 170,000 DIYers, the December email went to an audience of 850,000 remodelers, the April email went to an audience of 625,000 homeowners, and the June email went to an audience of 500,000 remodelers.




Email Advertisement Sent to DIYers

In February, PaintCare placed one paid email advertisement promoting the D2D service for Staten Island households. The email went to an audience of 100,000 Staten Island homeowners.



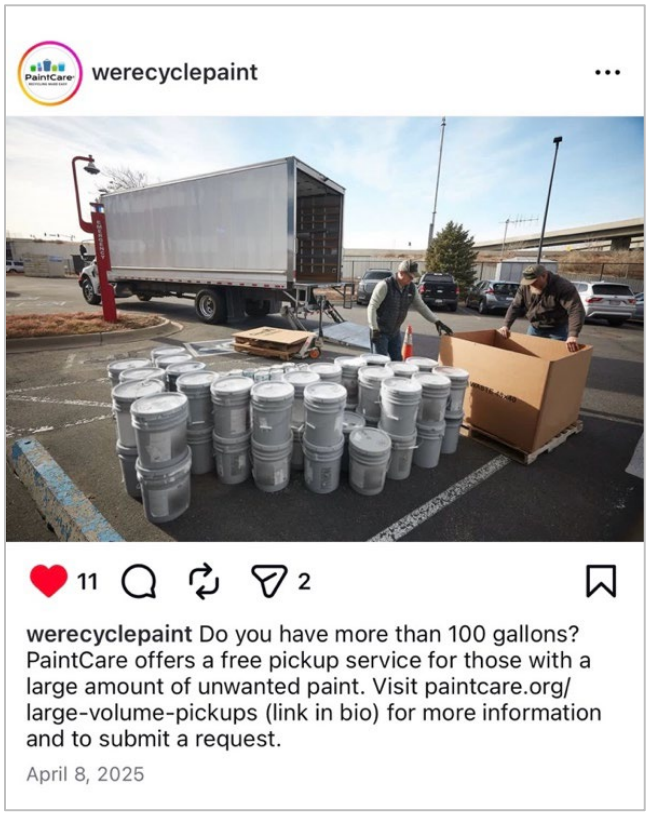

Email Advertisement Sent to Staten Island Households

## A10. Streaming Audio

Monthly from July through October and February through June, PaintCare ran advertisements on Pandora and Spotify promoting "Three Simple Rules for Painting Smarter," highlighting the importance of buying the right amount of paint, using up what's left, and recycling the rest. From July through September and April through June, PaintCare ran a Spanish version of the advertisement on the same platforms. From February through June, PaintCare ran the same advertisement on Amazon Music.

## A11. Social Media

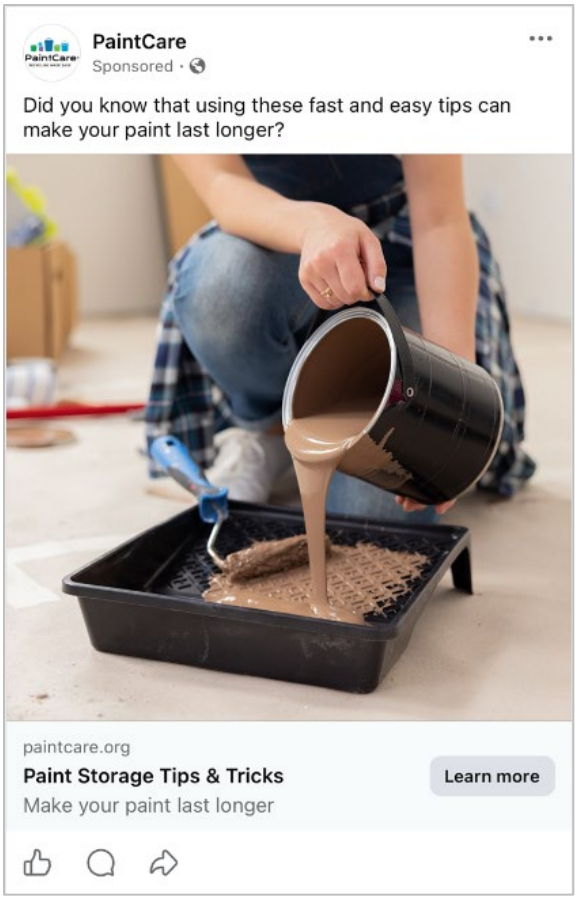
Throughout the year, PaintCare maintained its social media presence on sites including Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, and posted messaging to audiences on those platforms. Social media messages included promotion of PaintCare's three key messages: buy the right amount of paint, use up leftover paint, and recycle the rest with PaintCare.




Instagram Post Promoting the Large Volume Pickup Service

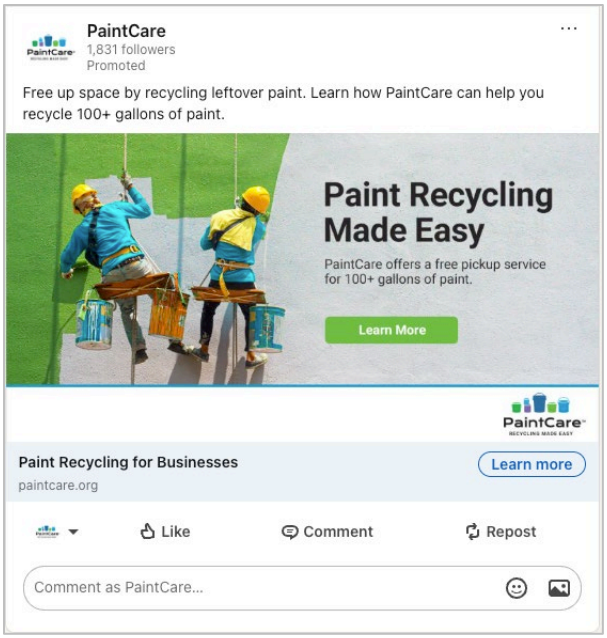
Monthly from July through November and February through June, PaintCare ran social media ads on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest with messages about buying the right amount of paint, using up leftovers, and recycling the rest at drop-off sites. Monthly from July through September and April through June, PaintCare ran social media ads on Facebook and Instagram in Spanish, Italian, Chinese, and Russian. Monthly from July through September and April through June, PaintCare ran social media ads on Facebook

and Instagram promoting individual drop-off sites. From January through June, PaintCare ran social media ads on Facebook and Instagram targeting households in Staten Island and promoting the D2D service. In July, September, March, and May. PaintCare ran social media advertisements on TikTok with paint smarter messaging. In August, October, April, and June, PaintCare ran social media advertisements on Snapchat with paint smarter messaging. From March through June, PaintCare ran social media advertisements on Reddit and Next Door.



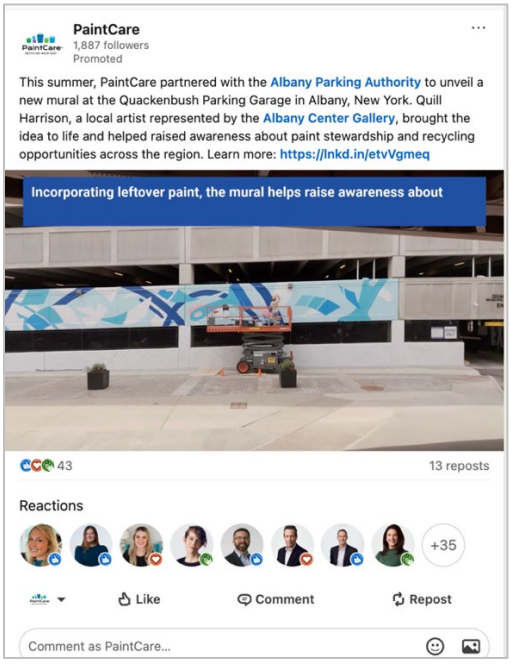

Facebook Advertisements Highlighting Paint Storage Tips

Monthly from July through September and April through June, PaintCare ran social media ads on LinkedIn targeting painting contractors, property managers, and other professionals who would benefit from PaintCare's large volume pickup service.



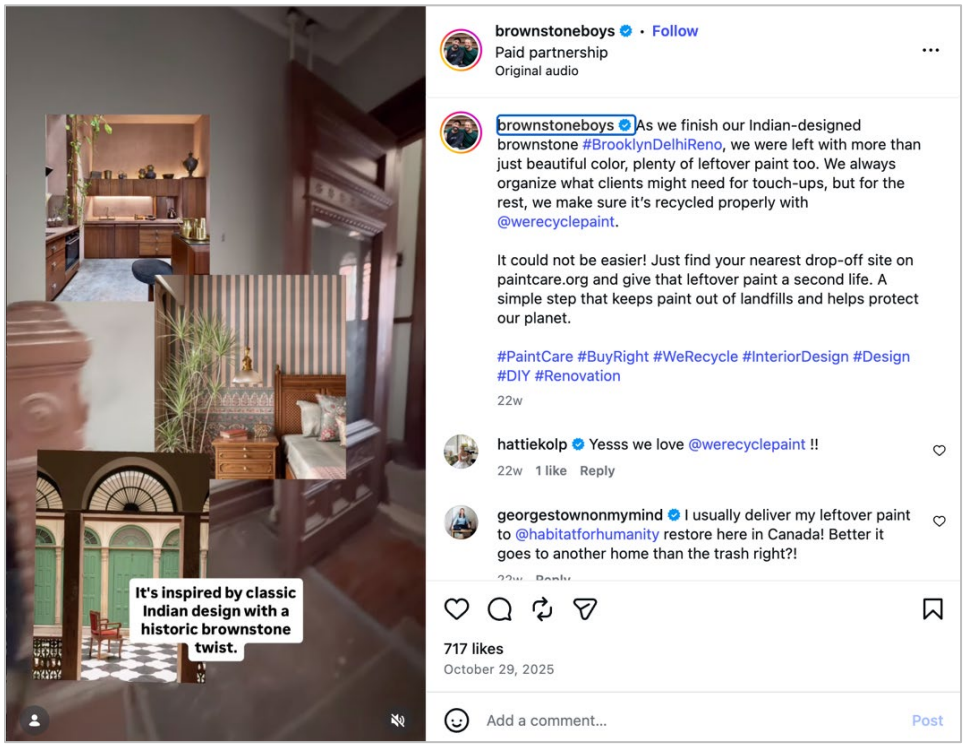

LinkedIn Ad Promoting LVP Service

To raise awareness of the Albany Mural Project, in November and December PaintCare promoted targeted LinkedIn and Facebook posts highlighting the collaboration between the Albany Parking Authority and PaintCare, and its positive impact on the local community. The paid promotion helped extend reach among key stakeholders and reinforced PaintCare's commitment to supporting public art and sustainability initiatives across New York.




LinkedIn Advertisement Promoting Albany Mural

In October, November, April, May, and June, PaintCare partnered with New York-based social media influencers to promote PaintCare's message points to their audiences.




Influencer Instagram Post Promoting Recycling Leftover Paint with PaintCare

## A12. Video

Monthly from July through October and March through June, PaintCare ran programmatic online video, connected television device, and YouTube commercials online in English. The commercials educate consumers about PaintCare's "Three Simple Rules for Painting Smarter," highlighting the importance of buying the right amount of paint, using up what's left, and recycling the rest. PaintCare's video commercials can be viewed on its YouTube channel.




Still Frames from PaintCare Video Commercials

In August, September, April, May, and June, PaintCare ran YouTube ads online in English highlighting the LVP service and targeting painting contractors and other businesses.




Still Frames from PaintCare LVP Video

## A13. Television

In July through October and March through June, PaintCare ran television spots across New York State using a single broadcast partner (ABC, CBS, or NBC) in each market, with cable placements in the New York City area on FXNC, HGTV, MSNBC, NY1, and News12 using the commercials as noted in the Video section above.

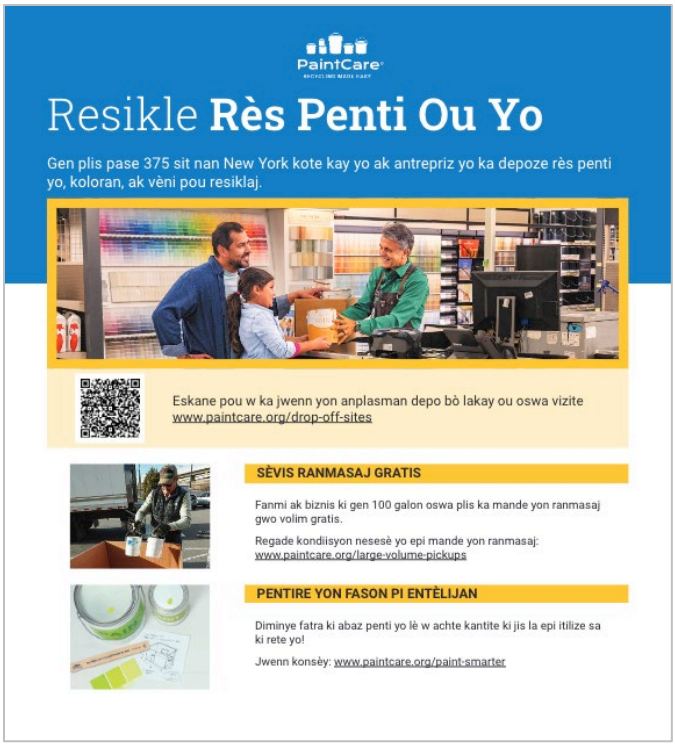
## A14. Radio

In July through November and March through May, PaintCare used underwriting of national public radio stations in the state to promote its paint stewardship messaging to target audiences. The following message was used on public radio in approximately eight spots per week in two-week time blocks and was appended to locally tailored underwriting acknowledgements: "…and from PaintCare. Recycling leftover paint, stain, and varnish is now available year-round at over 300 paint stores and other sites in New York. More at paintcare.org."

From July through October and March through May, PaintCare also ran a commercial radio campaign using the same commercials as noted in the Streaming Audio section above.

## A15. Print Advertising

In April through June, PaintCare ran print ads in newspapers in Arabic, Bengali, Haitian Creole, Korean, Polish, and Spanish promoting recycling paint at PaintCare drop-off sites and the large volume pickup service.




Example of Print Ad in Haitian Creole Language Newspaper

In July, September, October, December, January, March, and June, PaintCare ran 25 quarter-page advertisements in local newspapers promoting new drop-off sites. Newspapers included the Bay News & Brooklyn Graphic, Bay Ridge Courier, Colonie Spotlight, Democrat & Chronicle, Hamilton County Express, Islip Messenger, Ithaca Times, Journal News, Leader Observer, New York Daily News, Port Washington News, Post Standard, Press Observer, South Bay's Neighbor - Massapequa Park, South Babylon, and West Islip Editions, The Buffalo News, The Leader, The Leader-Herald, The Nassau Observer, The Port Times Record, The Sun - Burgh/North Countryman Edition, The Times Herald-Record, The Western Queens Gazette, and The Thousand Island Sun.




Print Advertisement in the Bay Ridge Courier Newspaper

In February, PaintCare sent 30,000 direct mail postcards to households in Staten Island promoting the D2D service.




Direct Mail Postcard Promoting the D2D Service

From January through March, PaintCare ran five advertisements in the Staten Island Advance promoting the D2D service for Staten Island households.

## A16. Outdoor Advertising

In July and August and March through May, PaintCare ran outdoor advertisements on billboards in high traffic areas in Buffalo, Syracuse, Utica, Albany, Watertown, Rochester, and the Hudson Valley.




Digital Bulletin

In May and June, PaintCare ran outdoor advertisements on billboards in high traffic areas in Queens and Brooklyn.




Static Billboard

From August through October, PaintCare ran outdoor advertisements on billboards in high traffic areas in Cattaraugus, Allegany, Oswego, Wayne, Orleans, and Steuben Counties.




Static Billboard

In July and August, PaintCare ran subway card advertisements in the New York City Subway.




Subway Card Advertisement

From March through May, PaintCare ran digital out of home ads in subways, commuter rails, and digital urban panels on street level. This network rotated the ads across NYC, Long Island, and the Hudson Valley.




Digital Out of Home Advertisement

In February and March, PaintCare ran subway card advertisements in the New York City Subway on the Staten Island Railway line. In May and June, PaintCare ran bus card advertisements on buses in Staten Island. Both placements promoted the D2D service for Staten Island households.

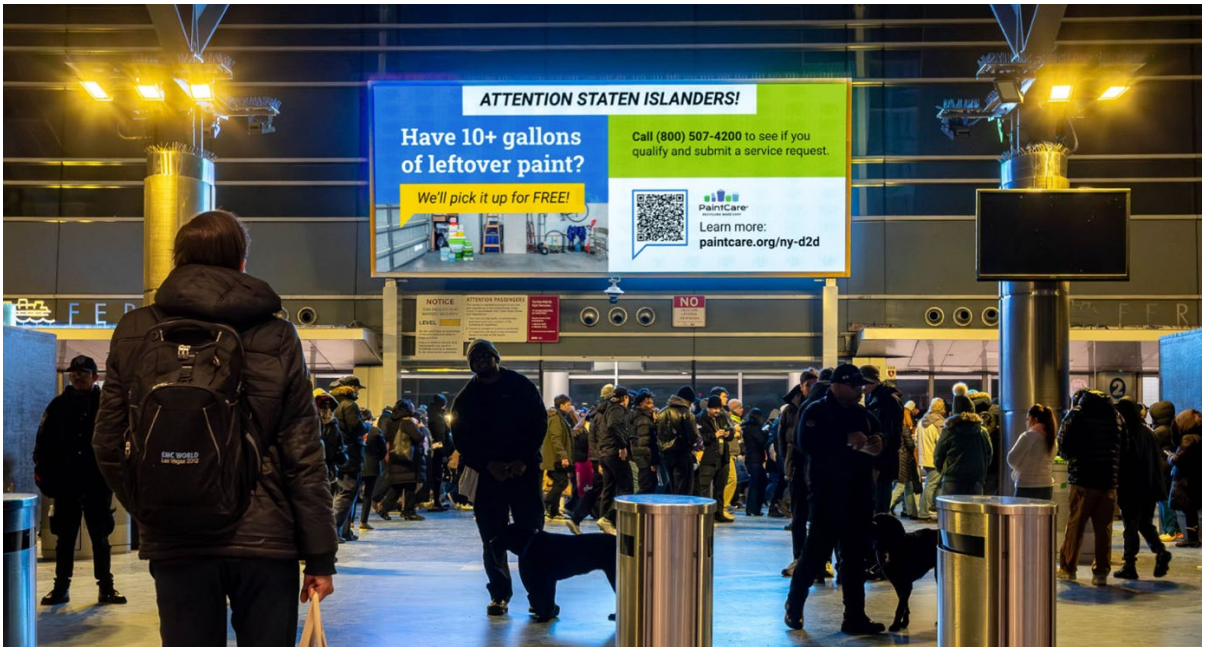



Subway Card Advertisement Promoting the Staten Island D2D Service




Bus Card Advertisement Promoting the Staten Island D2D Service

In January and February, PaintCare ran an advertisement on the digital monitor in the Staten Island Ferry's St. George Terminal Departure Lounge promoting the D2D service for Staten Island households.




Digital Bulletin Advertisements Promoting the Staten Island D2D Service for Households

In July through September, PaintCare ran transit advertisements on platforms on the Long Island Rail Road.




Long Island Rail Road Poster

In July, August, May, and June, PaintCare ran advertisements at 19 cinemas in Manhattan and Queens during the peak summer blockbuster season.

From August through October, PaintCare ran advertisements at select gas station televisions using one of the commercials as noted in the Video section above.

From July through September, PaintCare sponsored the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, Long Island Ducks, and Hudson Valley Renegade minor league teams. From April through June, PaintCare sponsored the Tri-City Valley Cats, Brooklyn Cyclones, Hofstra University Athletics, Utica Comets, and Staten Island Ferryhawks. Sponsorship included various benefits including tabling opportunities, live radio interviews during the games, throwing out the first pitch, jumbotron commercials, and stadium signage.




Stadium Signage at the Long Island Ducks Stadium

In August, PaintCare helped unveil a large-scale public mural created by local artist Quill Harrison and located on the Quackenbush Parking Garage in downtown Albany. The mural was painted in part using recycled paint collected through PaintCare's program.



Program Manager Andrew Radin Speaking at the Ribbon Cutting Event

## A17. Joint Outreach

PaintCare offers creative and financial support for outreach campaigns conducted by HHWs and government run solid waste facilities that are PaintCare partners. PaintCare provided support to the Development Authority of North County by providing funding for digital ads. PaintCare also provided support to the Town of North Collins for advertisements in the local PennySaver.

## A18. Face-to-Face

PaintCare staff attended the following face-to-face activities:

| Date | Event | Activity |
|---|---|---|
| 7/23/25 | Curtis Lumber Pro Show; New Hartford | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 8/4/25 | Albany Mural Project Ribbon Cutting | Hosted ribbon cutting |
| 8/4/25-8/6/25 | Build Reuse Decon and Reuse '25 | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 8/7/25 | Hudson Valley Renegades; Minor League Baseball (Wappingers Falls) | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 8/12/25-8/14/25 | Ace Hardware Fall Convention | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 8/28/25 | Binghamton Rumble Ponies; Minor League Baseball | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 9/6/25-9/7/25 | PACOA Show; Long Island | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 9/21/25-9/23/25 | NYS Association of Solid Waste Managers Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 9/21/25-9/25/25 | North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) Annual Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 10/5/25-10/8/25 | Commercial Painting Industry Association (CPIA) Conference | Attended sessions |
| 10/6/25-10/8/25 | Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) Rethink Resource Use Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 11/12/25-11/14/25 | NYS Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Annual. Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth, presentation |
| 11/12/25-11/15/25 | Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) RCon Expo | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 11/14/25-11/16/25 | National Association of Realtors (NAR) Annual Conference and Expo | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 11/30/25-12/3/25 | Habitat for Humanity (H4H) ReStore Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 2/15/26-2/17/26 | NY State Association of Towns Annual Meeting | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 2/16/26-2/20/26 | PCA Annual Conference & Expo | Exhibitor, table/booth |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2/17/26-2/19/26 | NAHB International Build Show | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 2/23/26-2/25/26 | Resource Recycling Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 2/26/26-2/28/26 | Keep America Beautiful National Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 3/21/26-3/22/26 | Paint Applicator Corporation of America (PACOA) Show | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 3/30/26-4/2/26 | National Hardware Show | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 4/13/26-4/17/26 | Recycled Materials Association Conference | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 4/18/26-4/19/26 | Long Island Home and Garden Show | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 4/22/26 | New York City Cooperators Expo | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 5/5/26-5/7/26 | ACA American Coatings Show | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 5/17/26-5/19/26 | NYS Federation of Solid Waste Associations Conf. | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 5/19/26 | NYC Trucks of Art launch event | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 5/22/26 | Tri-City (Albany area) Valley Cats baseball game | Exhibitor, table/booth |
| 6/8/26-6/10/26 | National Waste and Recycling Association Waste Leadership Summit | Exhibitor, table/booth |




PaintCare Team Members Michael Rieser, Sandra Vera, and Andrew Radin at NY State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling Annual Conference.

## B. AWARENESS SURVEY

In September and October, PaintCare ran its annual public awareness survey to measure the effectiveness of its outreach activities with the assistance of market research firm KB Insights. KB Insights analyzed all survey data to help PaintCare better understand trends and guide future outreach targeting. Data from all PaintCare programs were included in the analysis, providing comparison results between paint stewardship programs throughout the nation. The full report for this year's awareness survey is included in the appendix.

The following are some highlights from the survey results:

- 250 surveys were completed by New York residents, allowing 90% confidence in the accuracy of the measured results for the population within +/-5%.
- Over half of respondents (67%) purchased paint in the last year. Of those, 38% reported seeking help from paint retail staff to purchase the right amount and 35% reported taking measurements in order to purchase the right amount of paint.
- 76% of respondents said they were "extremely likely" or "likely" to drop off paint for recycling the next time they have leftover paint to dispose of.
- 51% of end-consumers who had purchased paint in the last year were aware that paint can be recycled, of available drop-off opportunities in the state, or both.

# Section 5. 2026 and Future

### Statutory Citation

Paragraph 12 of Section 27-2003 requires, in relevant part:

> *The operator of the postconsumer paint collection program shall notify the department annually, in writing, if there are no changes proposed to the program and the producer or representative organization intends to continue implementation of the program as previously approved by the department.*

This section of the annual report describes activities or plans for the program that have happened since June 30, 2026, or are being planned. It also addresses any proposed changes to the program.

## A. OPERATIONS

PaintCare plans to continue direct outreach to paint retailers and municipalities across the state as a key part of the effort to expand the drop-off network for leftover paint. Plans for the visits include providing updated outreach materials, checking site staff familiarity with the program, and observing whether the PaintCare fee is being applied to covered products. During these visits, staff may invite retailers and other locations (recycling facilities, solid waste transfer stations) to participate in the program as drop-off sites.

PaintCare plans to continue to support paint-only collection events throughout the state, the direct pickup service, as well as the costs to transport and process paint collected at municipal household hazardous waste collection events.

PaintCare launched a pilot D2D pick-up program for Staten Island in early 2026 and the free pickup service for 10 gallons or more is expected to continue to be available in 2027.

## B. COMMUNICATIONS

PaintCare plans to continue statewide promotion of paint stewardship messaging to households and businesses through digital advertising, social media, television, video ads, streaming audio, mailers, and print ads, and to conduct awareness surveys of paint consumers.

## C. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM

PaintCare intends to continue implementation of the program as described in the Program Plan Update conditionally approved by the Department on September 2, 2026.

# Appendix A

# NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Year-Round Sites** | | | | **477,414** |
| **Albany County (11)** | | | | **14,645** |
| Albany | Sherwin-Williams | 130 Wolf Rd | Retail | 1,921 |
| Albany | Robinson Hardware | 1874 Western Ave | Retail | |
| Albany | Herzogs Paint Centers | 1343 Central Ave | Retail | 1,552 |
| Colonie | Hatchet Hardware of Colonie | 1 Fuller Rd | Retail | 243 |
| Delmar | Sherwin-Williams | 180 Delaware Ave | Retail | 2,579 |
| Guilderland | Sherwin-Williams | 2080 Western Ave | Retail | 2,008 |
| Latham | Sherwin-Williams | 193 Troy/Schenectady Rd | Retail | 2,351 |
| Latham | Herzogs Paint Centers | 898 New Loudon Rd | Retail | 1,541 |
| Menands | Sherwin-WIlliams | 37 Simmons Ln, Bldg A | Retail | 932 |
| Slingerlands | Robinson Hardware and Garden Center | 1900 New Scotland Rd | Retail | |
| Watervliet | Passonno Paints | 500 Broadway | Retail | 1,518 |
| **Allegany County (2)** | | | | **1,146** |
| Alfred Station | Tinkertown Hardware | 833 State Route 244 | Retail | 434 |
| Wellsville | Sherwin-Williams | 125 Bolivar Rd | Retail | 712 |
| **Bronx County (6)** | | | | **985** |
| Bronx | Sherwin-Williams | 500 Baychester Ave | Retail | 236 |
| Bronx | Sherwin-Williams | 2333 Cross Bronx Expy | Retail | 203 |
| Bronx | Sherwin-Williams | 5740 Broadway | Retail | 389 |
| Bronx | F and F Supply | 1260 Oak Point Ave | Retail | 115 |
| Bronx | Loconsolo of Morris Park | 1057 Morris Park Ave | Retail | 44 |
| Bronx | Best Value NY | 4095 Park Ave | Retail | |
| **Broome County (5)** | | | | **8,737** |
| Binghamton | Sherwin-Williams | 3 Lewis St | Retail | 898 |
| Binghamton | Broome County Landfill HHW Facility | 286 Knapp Rd | HHW Facility | 5,374 |
| Vestal | Sherwin-Williams | 3800 Vestal Pkwy E | Retail | 1,706 |
| Vestal | Stevens Paint and Blinds | 253 Vestal Pkwy E | Retail | 545 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whitney Point | Greenes Ace Home Center | 2563 W Main St | Retail | 214 |
| **Cattaraugus County (2)** | | | | **1,999** |
| Franklinville | Franklinville True Value Hardware | 99 N Main St | Retail | 531 |
| Olean | Sherwin-Williams | 11 Delaware Park Ctr | Retail | 1,469 |
| **Cayuga County (2)** | | | | **3,094** |
| Auburn | Sherwin-Williams | 217 Grant Ave | Retail | 1,703 |
| Auburn | Whitings WLPR And Paints | 9 N Fulton St | Retail | 1,391 |
| **Chautauqua County (5)** | | | | **4,870** |
| Clymer | Clymer Hardware and Home Center | 8789 W Main St | Retail | 294 |
| Dunkirk | Sherwin-Williams | 3961 Vineyard Dr | Retail | 993 |
| Irving | Add Lumber True Value | 12768 Buffalo Rd | Retail | 595 |
| Jamestown | Sherwin-Williams | 1255 E 2nd St | Retail | 1,409 |
| Lakewood | Sherwin-Williams | 279 E Fairmount Ave | Retail | 1,579 |
| **Chemung County (1)** | | | | **2,865** |
| Elmira | Sherwin-Williams | 2406 Corning Rd | Retail | 2,865 |
| **Chenango County (5)** | | | | **3,307** |
| Greene | Brisben Transfer Station | 177 Coutermarsh Rd | Transfer Station | 1,384 |
| Norwich | Sherwin-Williams | 5631 State Hwy 12 | Retail | 446 |
| Norwich | North Norwich Transfer Station | 6701 NYS Hwy 12 | Transfer Station | 1,006 |
| Norwich | Roots Flooring and Paint | 43 S Broad St | Retail | 204 |
| Norwich | Chenango County Landfill - Pharsalla Landfill | 439 County Rd 47 | Landfill | 267 |
| **Clinton County (5)** | | | | **2,431** |
| Peru | Aubuchon Hardware | 2 Gorman Way | Retail | 344 |
| Plattsburgh | Cardinal Ace Hardware | 755 State Route 3 | Retail | 310 |
| Plattsburgh | Sherwin-Williams | 488 State Route 3 | Retail | 897 |
| Plattsburgh | Aubuchon Hardware | 38 Skyway Shopping Ctr | Retail | 397 |
| Plattsburgh | PPG Paints | 46 Lafayette St | Retail | 483 |

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| **Columbia County (4)** | | | | **4,297** |
| Chatham | Herringtons | 6 Depot Square | Retail | 771 |
| Hillsdale | Herringtons | 312 White Hill Ln | Retail | 1,250 |
| Hudson | Herringtons | 1 Graham Ave | Retail | 1,148 |
| Valatie | Marios True Value Hardware | 1057 Kinderhook St | Retail | 1,128 |
| **Cortland County (3)** | | | | **3,215** |
| Cortland | Sherwin-Williams | 1117 State Route 222 | Retail | 821 |
| Cortland | Meldrims Paint Center | 3975 West Rd | Retail | 1,053 |
| Cortland | Cortland County Recycling Center | 137 S Pendleton St | Recycling Center | 1,341 |
| **Delaware County (6)** | | | | **5,694** |
| Delhi | Westlake ACE Hardware | 1 Main St | Retail | 512 |
| Fleischmanns | Wadler Brothers | 47293 Route 28 | Retail | 433 |
| Harpersfield | Harpersfield Transfer Station | 797 Col Harper Dr | Transfer Station | 1,414 |
| Roxbury | Roxbury Transfer Station | 11 MacMore Rd Spur | Transfer Station | 671 |
| Walton | Westlake Ace Hardware | 36 West St | Retail | 234 |
| Walton | Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center | 32230 NY-10 | Transfer Station | 2,430 |
| **Dutchess County (11)** | | | | **13,192** |
| Amenia | Page Lumber | 5291 US-44 | Retail | 255 |
| Fishkill | Herzogs Paint Centers | 1083 Route 9 | Retail | 1,282 |
| Millbrook | Reardon Briggs Hardware | 3265 Franklin Ave | Retail | 555 |
| Millerton | Herringtons | 11 Dutchess Ave | Retail | 541 |
| Pawling | Page Lumber | 69 NY-22 | Retail | 1,160 |
| Poughkeepsie | Sherwin-Williams | 684 Dutchess Tpk | Retail | 1,604 |
| Poughkeepsie | Herzogs Paint Centers | 409 Manchester Rd | Retail | 1,424 |
| Poughkeepsie | Page Lumber | 360 Manchester Rd | Retail | 856 |
| Rhinebeck | Williams Lumber and Home Center | 6760 Route 9 | Retail | 2,741 |
| Stanfordville | Roosters Route 82 Home and Hardware Center | 6047 Route 82 | Retail | 303 |
| Wappingers Falls | Sherwin-Williams | 1847 South Rd | Retail | 2,470 |

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| **Erie County (17)** | | | | **52,323** |
| Amherst | Sherwin-Williams | 2045 Niagara Falls Blvd | Retail | 2,016 |
| Blasdell | Sherwin-Williams | 4408 Milestrip Rd | Retail | 2,128 |
| Buffalo | Sherwin-Williams | 1470 Main St | Retail | 1,363 |
| Buffalo | ABC Hardware & Rental | 3336 Bailey Ave | Retail | 69 |
| Buffalo | Sherwin-Williams | 2636 Delaware Ave | Retail | 1,596 |
| Cheektowaga | Sherwin-Williams | 2578 Walden Ave | Retail | 1,618 |
| Depew | Sherwin-Williams | 4869 Transit Rd | Retail | 2,789 |
| Depew | Sherwin-Williams | 2082 George Urban Blvd | Retail | 2,187 |
| Derby | Evans Ace Hardware (New May 2024) | 7065 Erie Rd | Retail | 945 |
| Elma | Elma Hardware | 2359 Bowen Rd | Retail | 294 |
| Hamburg | Sherwin-Williams | 141 Buffalo St | Retail | 3,049 |
| North Collins | Town of North Collins Community Center | 11065 Gowanda State Rd | Other | 629 |
| Tonawanda | Sherwin-Williams | 2775 Sheridan Dr | Retail | 1,753 |
| Tonawanda | Hazman - American Recyclers Transfer Station/Recycling Center | 177 Wales Ave | HHW Facility | 23,984 |
| West Seneca | Sherwin-Williams | 2008 Ridge Rd | Retail | 3,109 |
| West Seneca | PPG Paints | 1530 Union Rd | Retail | 1,476 |
| Williamsville | Sherwin-Williams | 7604 Transit Rd | Retail | 3,318 |
| **Essex County (5)** | | | | **1,796** |
| Elizabethtown | Aubuchon Hardware | 7572 Court St | Retail | 239 |
| Jay | Ward Lumber | 697 Glen Rd | Retail | 681 |
| Lake Placid | Aubuchon Hardware | 2010 Saranac Ave | Retail | 400 |
| Ticonderoga | Aubuchon Hardware | 131 Montcalm St | Retail | 259 |
| Willsboro | Willsborough Hardware | 3759 Main St | Retail | 217 |
| **Franklin County (4)** | | | | **2,509** |
| Malone | Sherwin-Williams | 3408 State Route 11 | Retail | 861 |
| Malone | Ward Lumber | 3240 State Route 11 | Retail | 425 |
| Saranac Lake | Coakley Home and Hardware | 622 Lake Flower Ave | Retail | 774 |
| Tupper Lake | Aubuchon Hardware | 65 Lake St | Retail | 449 |

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| **Fulton County (5)** | | | | **3,189** |
| Broadalbin | Tanner Lumber Inc | 4 N 2nd Ave | Retail | 333 |
| Gloversville | Kingsboro Lumber | 17 Meadow St | Retail | 594 |
| Johnstown | Sherwin-Williams | 222 N Comrie Ave | Retail | 838 |
| Johnstown | Noble Ace Hardware | 130 S Comrie Ave | Retail | 1,032 |
| Northville | Allen and Palmer Do It Best Hardware | 112 N Main St | Retail | 391 |
| **Genesee County (2)** | | | | **3,081** |
| Batavia | Sherwin-Williams | 16 Liberty St | Retail | 2,394 |
| Le Roy | Crockers Ace Hardware | 8457 N St Rd | Retail | 687 |
| **Greene County (2)** | | | | **1,676** |
| Catskill | Sherwin-Williams | 44 Grandview Plaza | Retail | 1,361 |
| Coxsackie | Hatchet Hardware of Coxsackie | 11780 Route 9W | Retail | 315 |
| **Hamilton County (1)** | | | | **209** |
| Indian Lake | Pines Country Store | 1 Main St | Retail | 209 |
| **Herkimer County (2)** | | | | **412** |
| Dolgeville | Zipp Hardware (Temporarily Closed) | 73 N Main St | Retail | 323 |
| Ilion | Ilion True Value Hardware (Closed Jun 2026) | 39 W Clark St | Retail | 90 |
| **Jefferson County (8)** | | | | **7,040** |
| Alexandria Bay | Charles Garlock & Sons | 15 Washington St | Retail | 118 |
| Alexandria Bay | Sherwin-Williams | 43449 State Route 12 | Retail | 1,193 |
| Carthage | Aubuchon Hardware | 66 High St | Retail | 506 |
| Clayton | Whites Lumber | 945 James St | Retail | 684 |
| Watertown | Sherwin-Williams | 491 Factory St | Retail | 2,335 |
| Watertown | Whites Lumber | 231 N Rutland St | Retail | 700 |
| Watertown | Whites Paint Store | 902 Arsenal St | Retail | 1,399 |
| Watertown | Stratton Hardware | 1336 Washington St | Retail | 105 |

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| **Kings County (25)** | | | | **10,025** |
| Brooklyn | Reliable Supply (Dropped 9/26) | 656 62nd St | Retail | |
| Brooklyn | Mazzone Ace Hardware | 470 Court St | Retail | 420 |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams | 3760 Nostrand Ave | Retail | 338 |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams | 1748 86th St | Retail | 146 |
| Brooklyn | Mazzone Ace Hardware | 476 Bergen St | Retail | 294 |
| Brooklyn | Corner Hardware | 2266 Nostrand Ave | Retail | 308 |
| Brooklyn | Mazzone Paint Center | 211 Smith St | Retail | 522 |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams | 60 Broadway | Retail | 227 |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams | 4606 3rd Ave | Retail | 54 |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams | 555 5th Ave | Retail | 1,003 |
| Brooklyn | WR Paint Supply | 720 Manhattan Ave | Retail | 137 |
| Brooklyn | DIY Supplies Color Center | 8230 18th Ave | Retail | 213 |
| Brooklyn | Global Paint | 1208 Neptune Ave | Retail | 154 |
| Brooklyn | Atlas Paints Plus | 7722 3rd Ave | Retail | 362 |
| Brooklyn | Zee Hardware | 259 Schenectady Ave | Retail | 36 |
| Brooklyn | Loconsolo Paints | 2660 Coney Island Ave | Retail | 1,514 |
| Brooklyn | Park Slope Hardware | 593 5th Ave | Retail | 21 |
| Brooklyn | Certified Boro Park Lumber | 4601 New Utrecht Ave | Retail | 75 |
| Brooklyn | Go Greene Hardware | 759 Fulton St | Retail | 120 |
| Brooklyn | B and G Hardware | 210 Roebling St | Retail | |
| Brooklyn | Certified Lumber and Home Center | 148 Classon Ave | Retail | 121 |
| Brooklyn | Big Reuse | 1 12th St | Reuse Store | 3,786 |
| Brooklyn | DIY Supplies Color Factory | 7419 13th Ave | Retail | 56 |
| Brooklyn | K and S Building Supply | 901 65th St | Retail | 88 |
| Brooklyn | Stillwell Ready Mix and Building Materials | 2543 Stillwell Ave | Retail | 29 |
| **Lewis County (3)** | | | | **1,439** |
| Croghan | Buckingham Hardware | 9801 Main St | Retail | 227 |
| Lowville | Sherwin-Williams | 5815 Number Four Rd | Retail | 1,118 |
| Lowville | Lowville Farmers Co-op (Formerly Steele's Ace Home Center) | 5814 Number Four Rd | Retail | 94 |

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| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Livingston County (1)** | | | | **1,161** |
| Geneseo | Sherwin-Williams | 4176 Lakeville Rd | Retail | 1,161 |
| **Madison County (3)** | | | | **4,774** |
| Canastota | Kime Hardware | 3381 Seneca Tpke | Retail | 1,647 |
| Cazenovia | Cazenovia Lumber | 27 William St | Retail | 2,380 |
| Hamilton | Parrys | 100 Utica St | Retail | 748 |
| **Monroe County (19)** | | | | **29,419** |
| Brockport | Sherwin-Williams | 4756 Lake Rd S | Retail | 2,384 |
| Fairport | Weiders Ace Hardware | 585 Moseley Rd | Retail | 1,083 |
| Honeoye Falls | Weiders Ace Hardware | 166 W Main St | Retail | 969 |
| Penfield | Sherwin-Williams | 2200 Penfield Rd | Retail | 2,575 |
| Pittsford | Hadlocks Ace Hardware | 3400 Monroe Ave | Retail | 1,366 |
| Rochester | Mayer Paint and Hardware | 226 Winton Rd N | Retail | 894 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 4400 Dewey Ave | Retail | 1,817 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 2407 Monroe Ave | Retail | 2,156 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 158 Monroe Ave | Retail | 1,292 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 830 Emerson St | Retail | 775 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 851 Ridge Rd E | Retail | 1,883 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 3240 Chili Ave | Retail | 1,791 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 2315 Ridge Rd W | Retail | 2,257 |
| Rochester | Sherwin-Williams | 951 Jefferson Rd | Retail | 1,977 |
| Rochester | PPG Paints | 566 S Clinton Ave | Retail | 443 |
| Rochester | Weiders Paint & Hardware | 1800 Monroe Ave | Retail | 486 |
| Rochester | Rochester Paint Center | 1800 Lyell Ave | Retail | 904 |
| Webster | Sherwin-Williams | 191 W Main St | Retail | 3,480 |
| Webster | Hadlocks House of Paint | 657 Ridge Rd | Retail | 888 |
| **Montgomery County (3)** | | | | **2,001** |
| Amsterdam | Sherwin-Williams | 4908 NY-30 | Retail | 1,196 |
| Fort Plain | Fort Plain True Value Hardware | 12 Willett St | Retail | 278 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Palatine Bridge | Hatchet Hardware of Palatine Bridge | 6133 State Hwy 5 | Retail | 526 |
| **Nassau County (26)** | | | | **21,270** |
| Baldwin | Costellos Ace Hardware | 923 Atlantic Ave | Retail | 178 |
| Bellmore | Costellos Ace Hardware | 2667 Merrick Rd | Retail | 684 |
| East Meadow | Sherwin-Williams | 2575 Hempstead Tpke | Retail | 403 |
| Garden City Park | Costellos Ace Hardware | 2323 Jericho Tpke | Retail | 1,045 |
| Glen Cove | Sherwin-Williams | 202 Glen Cove Ave | Retail | 1,245 |
| Great Neck | Costellos Ace Hardware | 518 Middle Neck Rd | Retail | 179 |
| Hicksville | Botto Brothers Hardware | 231 S Broadway | Retail | 302 |
| Island Park | Costellos Ace Hardware | 3965 Long Beach Rd | Retail | 965 |
| Lawrence | Sherwin-Williams | 309 Rockaway Tpke | Retail | 691 |
| Long Beach | Centre Millwork and Supply | 669 Long Beach Blvd | Retail | 106 |
| Massapequa | Costellos Ace Hardware | 1330 Hicksville Rd | Retail | 753 |
| Massapequa | Sherwin-Williams | 4360 Sunrise Hwy | Retail | 1,117 |
| Massapequa Park | Costellos Ace Hardware | 5135 Merrick Rd | Retail | 550 |
| Merrick | Sherwin-Williams | 2200 Sunrise Hwy E | Retail | 380 |
| Mineola | Sherwin-Williams | 111 E Jericho Tpke | Retail | 1,544 |
| New Hyde Park | Costellos Ace Hardware | 1518 Union Tpke | Retail | 143 |
| New Hyde Park | Sherwin-Williams | 1300 Jericho Tpke | Retail | 1,453 |
| New Hyde Park | Cappys Paint & Wallpaper Center | 235 Jericho Tpke | Retail | 57 |
| North Bellmore | Costellos Ace Hardware | 1305 Newbridge Rd | Retail | 640 |
| North New Hyde Park | New Park Paint and Wallpaper | 1601 Hillside Ave | Retail | 105 |
| Oceanside | Sherwin-Williams | 2994 Long Beach Rd | Retail | 331 |
| Old Bethpage | Oyster Bay SWD Complex Transfer Station | 101 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Rd | Transfer Station | 6,681 |
| Plainview | Sherwin-Williams | 80 Express St | Retail | 163 |
| Port Washington | Sherwin-Williams (Closed Jun 2026) | 59 Shore Rd | Retail | 1,218 |
| Port Washington | Alpers Hardware and Paint | 81 Main St | Retail | 245 |
| West Hempstead | Sherwin-Williams | 329 Hempstead Tpk | Retail | 92 |

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| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **New York County (11)** | | | | **4,039** |
| New York | Rainbow Ace Hardware | 1449 1st Ave | Retail | 350 |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams | 150 Varick St | Retail | 187 |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams | 600 Amsterdam Ave | Retail | 687 |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams | 155 E 55th St | Retail | 271 |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams | 125 W 21st St | Retail | 910 |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams | 619 W 46th St | Retail | 1,106 |
| New York | J and M Hardware | 19 E 21st St | Retail | 265 |
| New York | Epsteins Paint Center | 562 W 52nd St | Retail | 44 |
| New York | Sugar Hill Hardware | 529 W 145th St | Retail | 29 |
| New York | New York Floor and Paint Supplies | 1473 5th Ave | Retail | 122 |
| New York | Nunez Depot | 4147 Broadway | Retail | 70 |
| **Niagara County (5)** | | | | **6,443** |
| Gasport | Stockham Lumber | 4440 Central Ave | Retail | 113 |
| Lockport | Spalding Ace Hardware | 215 Davison Rd | Retail | 534 |
| Lockport | Sherwin-Williams | 5871 S Transit Rd | Retail | 2,606 |
| Niagara Falls | Sherwin-Williams | 7895 Niagara Falls Blvd | Retail | 1,662 |
| North Tonawanda | Sherwin-Williams | 301 Meadow Dr | Retail | 1,529 |
| **Oneida County (7)** | | | | **5,443** |
| New Hartford | Sherwin-Williams | 4631 Commercial Dr | Retail | 1,013 |
| New Hartford | Curtis Lumber (formerly Jay K Independent Lumber) | 8448 Seneca Tpke | Retail | 604 |
| Oriskany Falls | Oriskany Falls DPW | 111 Mill St | Other | 92 |
| Rome | Sherwin-Williams | 1719 Black River Blvd | Retail | 1,902 |
| Rome | Ace Hardware of Rome | 115 Black River Blvd | Retail | 751 |
| Utica | Sherwin-Williams | 1904 Genesee St | Retail | 538 |
| Utica | Meldrims Paints | 1420 Oriskany St W | Retail | 543 |
| **Onondaga County (11)** | | | | **30,466** |
| Brewerton | Brewerton Ace Hardware | 9655 Brewerton Rd | Retail | 814 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fayetteville | Sherwin-Williams | 6790 E Genesee St | Retail | 1,010 |
| Liverpool | Sherwin-Williams | 7879 Oswego Rd | Retail | 4,513 |
| Liverpool | Liverpool Ace Hardware | 658 Old Liverpool Rd | Retail | 965 |
| Marcellus | Skaneateles Transfer Station | 1676 Old Seneca Tpke | Transfer Station | 1,697 |
| North Syracuse | Sherwin-Williams | 508 N Main St | Retail | 3,234 |
| Skaneateles | Skaneateles Town Square | 61 Fennell St | Retail | 135 |
| Syracuse | Sherwin-Williams | 2380 Erie Blvd E | Retail | 4,601 |
| Syracuse | Sherwin-Williams | 4500 W Genesee St | Retail | 2,765 |
| Syracuse | Habitat ReStore Syracuse | 514 W Genesee St | Reuse Store | 885 |
| Syracuse | Miller Environmental Group HHW Facility | 532 State Fair Blvd | HHW Facility | 9,848 |
| **Ontario County (5)** | | | | **8,477** |
| Canandaigua | Fingerlakes Ace Hardware | 1802 Route 332 | Retail | 497 |
| Canandaigua | Sherwin-Williams | 77 Eastern Blvd | Retail | 1,954 |
| Geneva | Sherwin-Williams | 520 Hamilton St | Retail | 1,196 |
| Victor | Sherwin-Williams | 7387 Pittsford Victor Rd | Retail | 1,807 |
| Victor | Hadlocks House of Paint | 7273 State Route 96 | Retail | 3,023 |
| **Orange County (8)** | | | | **8,307** |
| Florida | Werners ACE Hardware | 8 N Main St | Retail | 991 |
| Middletown | Sherwin-Williams | 303 Route 211 E | Retail | 619 |
| Middletown | Gervic Paint & Decorating Center | 416 E Main St | Retail | 1,876 |
| Monroe | Becks Monroe (Closed Aug 2026) | 74 Millpond Pkwy | Retail | 391 |
| Monroe | Sherwin-Williams | 290 Larkin Dr | Retail | 1,208 |
| Newburgh | Sherwin-Williams | 1404 Route 300 | Retail | 2,175 |
| Pine Bush | Becks Hardware Pine Bush | 2412 NY-52 | Retail | 371 |
| Port Jervis | Neversink True Value Lumber | 95 Jersey Ave | Retail | 675 |
| **Orleans County (1)** | | | | **422** |
| Medina | Evans Ace Hardware | 342 E Center St | Retail | 422 |
| **Oswego County (2)** | | | | **2,441** |
| Oswego | Sherwin-Williams | 242 State Route 104 E | Retail | 1,877 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pulaski | Whites Lumber | 3704 State Route 13 | Retail | 564 |
| **Otsego County (5)** | | | | **3,871** |
| Cooperstown | Westlake ACE Hardware | 5390 Rt 28 | Retail | 810 |
| Cooperstown | Bruce Hall Home Center | 206 Main St | Retail | 329 |
| Oneonta | Sherwin-Williams | 729 State Hwy 28 | Retail | 1,247 |
| Oneonta | Otsego ReUse Center | 23 Duane St | Reuse Store | 1,249 |
| Richfield Springs | Aubuchon Hardware | 129 Main St | Retail | 236 |
| **Putnam County (1)** | | | | **1,422** |
| Brewster | Sherwin-Williams | 1 Starr Ridge Rd | Retail | 1,422 |
| **Queens County (24)** | | | | **5,952** |
| Astoria | Sherwin-Williams | 1942 37th St | Retail | 385 |
| Astoria | Broadway Hardware | 2917 Broadway | Retail | 26 |
| Astoria | Loconsolo of Steinway | 2831 Steinway St | Retail | 300 |
| Bayside | Sherwin-Williams | 4739 Bell Blvd | Retail | 406 |
| Flushing | Sherwin-Williams | 2519 Parsons Blvd | Retail | 141 |
| Flushing | Flushing Paint | 133-43 35th Ave | Retail | |
| Flushing | Colorall Home Fashions | 161-24 Northern Blvd | Retail | 349 |
| Forest Hills | Sherwin-Williams | 6860 Austin St | Retail | 175 |
| Forest Hills | Loconsolo of Forest Hills | 10310 Metropolitan Ave | Retail | 75 |
| Forest Hills | Queens Paint and Home Center | 11643 Queens Blvd | Retail | 63 |
| Hollis | NY Paint and Home Center #1 | 204-03 Hillside Ave | Retail | 52 |
| Jackson Heights | Sherwin-Williams | 7567 31St Ave | Retail | 385 |
| Little Neck | Colorall Paint II | 252-02 Northern Blvd | Retail | 239 |
| Long Island City | Long Island City Paint Store - PPG | 51-02 27th St | Retail | 328 |
| Middle Village | Harrys Paint and Hardware True Value | 8203 Eliot Ave | Retail | 338 |
| Ozone Park | Sherwin-Williams | 107-20 Atlantic Ave | Retail | 192 |
| Queens | Liberty Paint and Deco | 185-26 Union Tpke | Retail | 145 |
| Queens Village | Best Paint-Benjamin Moore | 220-23 Jamaica Ave | Retail | 198 |
| Richmond Hill | Jamaica Hardware and Paints | 13101 Jamaica Ave | Retail | 55 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richmond Hill | Brite Hardware Locksmith Building Supply | 112-15 Jamaica Ave | Retail | |
| Ridgewood | Platz Hardware True Value | 65-25 Forest Ave | Retail | 330 |
| Rockaway Park | Mazzone Ace Hardware | 245-251 Beach 116 St | Retail | 393 |
| Whitestone | Whitestone Hardware | 1248 150th St | Retail | 410 |
| Woodside | Sherwin-Williams | 6216 34th Ave | Retail | 967 |
| **Rensselaer County (7)** | | | | **4,834** |
| East Greenbush | Sherwin-Williams | 596 Columbia Tpke | Retail | 1,627 |
| Hoosick Falls | Hoosick Falls Transfer Station | Walnut St | Transfer Station | 643 |
| Nassau | Hatchet Hardware of Nassau | 3517 US Route 20 | Retail | 180 |
| Stephentown | Stephentown Transfer Station | 235 Newton Rd | Transfer Station | 354 |
| Troy | Hatchet Hardware of Brunswick | 831 Hoosick Rd | Retail | 926 |
| Troy | Country True Value Hardware | 217 N Greenbush Rd | Retail | 759 |
| West Sand Lake | Sand Lake Convenience Facility | 213 Chamberlin Hill Rd | Transfer Station | 345 |
| **Richmond County (4)** | | | | **2,804** |
| Staten Island | Greaves Paint and Hardware (Closed Jun 2026) | 3155 Amboy Rd | Retail | 328 |
| Staten Island | Sherwin-Williams | 240 Page Ave | Retail | 1,090 |
| Staten Island | Sherwin-Williams | 1440 Forest Ave | Retail | 569 |
| Staten Island | Sherwin-Williams | 1462 Hylan Blvd | Retail | 817 |
| **Rockland County (4)** | | | | **25,363** |
| Nanuet | Sherwin-Williams | 202 W Route 59 | Retail | 2,739 |
| Pomona | Rockland County SWMA HHW Facility | 35 Firemens Memorial Dr | HHW Facility | 21,575 |
| Suffern | Rainbow Ace Hardware | 140 Orange Ave | Retail | 449 |
| West Haverstraw | Sherwin-Williams | 36 Route 9 W | Retail | 600 |
| **Saratoga County (9)** | | | | **16,542** |
| Clifton Park | Sherwin-Williams | 629 Plank Rd | Retail | 2,763 |
| Clifton Park | Robinson Hardware | 135 Lapp Rd | Retail | 74 |
| Corinth | Whites Ace Hardware | 2 Hamilton Ave | Retail | 697 |
| Halfmoon | Halfmoon Transfer Station | 322 Route 146 | Transfer Station | 1,551 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rexford | Clifton Park Transfer Station | 217 Vischer Ferry Rd | Transfer Station | 3,208 |
| Saratoga Springs | Sherwin-Williams | 226 Washington St | Retail | 4,803 |
| Saratoga Springs | Allerdice Ace Building Supply | 41 Walworth St | Retail | 1,217 |
| South Glens Falls | Noble Ace Hardware | 80 William St | Retail | 1,491 |
| Waterford | Hatchet Hardware of Waterford | 42 Saratoga Ave | Retail | 738 |
| **Schenectady County (4)** | | | | **9,540** |
| Glenville | Schenectady County Compost and Recycling Center | 24 Hetcheltown Rd | Recycling Center | 1,887 |
| Niskayuna | Hatchet Hardware of Niskayuna | 1448 Balltown Rd | Retail | 337 |
| Rotterdam | GreenSheen Paint | 1470 Rotterdam Industrial Park - Building 14 - Bay 7 | Paint Recycler | 5,114 |
| Schenectady | Sherwin-Williams | 1702 State St | Retail | 2,202 |
| **Schoharie County (2)** | | | | **555** |
| Cobleskill | Cobleskill Agway | 239 West Main St | Retail | 439 |
| Middleburgh | Middleburgh Recycling Center | 142 Cotton Hill Rd | Recycling Center | 116 |
| **St Lawrence County (4)** | | | | **2,072** |
| Canton | Coakley Home and Hardware | 2535 NY-68 | Retail | 824 |
| Gouverneur | Aubuchon Hardware | 32 Clinton St | Retail | 115 |
| Gouverneur | Whites Lumber | 71 Depot St | Retail | 395 |
| Massena | Sherwin-Williams | 164 Harte Haven Center | Retail | 738 |
| **Steuben County (4)** | | | | **3,762** |
| Bath | Sherwin-Williams | 121 Liberty St | Retail | 919 |
| Bath | Longwell Lumber and Building | 31 W Steuben St | Retail | 368 |
| Corning | Stevens Paint Store | 62 Bridge St | Retail | 964 |
| Corning | Sherwin-Williams | 360 W Pulteney St | Retail | 1,511 |
| **Suffolk County (35)** | | | | **55,074** |
| Babylon | Sherwin-Williams | 260 E Main St | Retail | 1,067 |
| Bohemia | Long Island Hardware | 3606 Veterans Memorial Hwy | Retail | 940 |
| Centereach | Sherwin-Williams | 1945 Middle Country Rd | Retail | 595 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Commack | Sherwin-Williams | 212 Jericho Tpke | Retail | 1,036 |
| Copiague | Costellos Ace Hardware | 705 Montauk Hwy | Retail | 362 |
| Deer Park | Sherwin-Williams | 410 Commack Rd | Retail | 759 |
| East Farmingdale | Costellos Ace Hardware | 242 Broadhollow Rd | Retail | 1,200 |
| East Islip | Costellos Ace Hardware | 15 W Main St | Retail | 293 |
| East Islip | Sherwin-Williams | 300 E Main St | Retail | 989 |
| East Moriches | East Moriches Hardware | 469 Montauk Hwy | Retail | 522 |
| East Northport | Sherwin-Williams | 353 Larkfield Rd | Retail | 1,727 |
| East Patchogue | Angels of Long Island | 350-23 E Main St | Reuse Store | 177 |
| Hampton Bays | Shinnecock Hardware | 91 W Montauk Hwy | Retail | 635 |
| Huntington | Sherwin-Williams | 55 New York Ave | Retail | 648 |
| Huntington | Huntington Recycling Center and Transfer Station HHWF | 641 New York Ave | HHW Facility | 11,900 |
| Huntington Station | Sherwin-Williams | 1985 New York Ave | Retail | 152 |
| Medford | Sherwin-Williams | 3170 A Route 112 | Retail | 1,064 |
| Melville | Sherwin-Williams | 610 Broadhollow Rd | Retail | 597 |
| Nesconset | Costellos Ace Hardware | 246 Smithtown Blvd | Retail | 708 |
| Patchogue | Sherwin-Williams | 206 E Main St | Retail | 516 |
| Port Jefferson Station | Sherwin-Williams | 5060 Nesconset Hwy | Retail | 1,243 |
| Port Jefferson Station | Open Door Exchange | 200 Wilson St | Reuse Store | |
| Riverhead | Sherwin-Williams | 1704 Old Country Rd | Retail | 1,614 |
| Rocky Point | Costellos Ace Hardware | 360 Route 25A | Retail | 822 |
| Ronkonkoma | Habitat ReStore Suffolk | 2111 Lakeland Ave | Reuse Store | 3,171 |
| Shelter Island | Shelter Island Recycling Transfer Station and HHWF | 34 N Menantic Rd | HHW Facility | 575 |
| Shirley | Sherwin-Williams | 800 Montauk Hwy | Retail | 508 |
| Smithtown | Costellos Ace Hardware | 52 E Main St | Retail | 877 |
| Southampton | Shinnecock East Ace Hardware | 849 County Rd 39 | Retail | 554 |
| Wading River | Ace Hardware | 6281 Route 25A | Retail | 866 |
| Wainscott | Sherwin-Williams | 338 Montauk Hwy | Retail | 952 |
| West Babylon | Costellos Ace Hardware | 515 Montauk Hwy | Retail | 635 |
| West Islip | Costellos Ace Hardware | 448 Union Blvd | Retail | 821 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Westhampton Beach | Sherwin-Williams | 80 Old Riverhead Rd | Retail | 681 |
| Yaphank | The Town Landfill - Brookhaven STOP Facility | 350 Horseblock Rd | HHW Facility | 15,867 |
| **Sullivan County (6)** | | | | **5,612** |
| Cochecton | Interim Western Sullivan Transfer Station | 433 Mitchell Pond East Rd | Transfer Station | 1,065 |
| Eldred | Highland Transfer Station | 475 State Route 55 | Transfer Station | 1,048 |
| Ferndale | Ferndale Transfer Station | 78 Lt J G Brender Hwy | Transfer Station | 657 |
| Livingston Manor | Rockland Transfer Station | 131 Overlook Dr | Transfer Station | 733 |
| Monticello | Monticello Transfer Station | 91 Landfill Dr | Transfer Station | 1,456 |
| Wurtsboro | Mamakating Transfer Station | 164 Dump Rd | Transfer Station | 652 |
| **Tompkins County (3)** | | | | **5,526** |
| Ithaca | Sherwin-Williams | 722 S Meadow St | Retail | 2,196 |
| Ithaca | Agway Ace Northeast | 2309 N Triphammer Rd | Retail | 1,207 |
| Ithaca | Ithaca ReUse Center and Office | 214 Elmira Rd | Reuse Store | 2,122 |
| **Ulster County (8)** | | | | **9,067** |
| Ellenville | Ace Hardware of Ellenville | 140 S Main St | Retail | 924 |
| Ellenville | Slutsky Lumber | 1 Pine St | Retail | 150 |
| Kingston | Sherwin-Williams | 568 Albany Ave | Retail | 2,459 |
| Kingston | Herzogs True Value Home Center | 151 Plaza Rd | Retail | 2,611 |
| Kingston | Habitat ReStore Ulster County | 406 Route 28 | Reuse Store | 635 |
| New Paltz | Becks Home and Hardware - New Paltz | 4 Cherry Hill Rd | Retail | 866 |
| Saugerties | Saugerties Lumber True Value | 223 Ulster Ave | Retail | 609 |
| Wallkill | Becks Wallkill | 4 Bona Ventura Ave | Retail | 813 |
| **Warren County (3)** | | | | **2,957** |
| Chestertown | Stephenson Lumber (New Jun 2024) | 6267 US-9 | Retail | 240 |
| Queensbury | Sherwin-Williams | 736 Glen St | Retail | 1,080 |
| Queensbury | Colorize Inc | 63 Quaker Rd | Retail | 1,638 |

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| **Washington County (2)** | | | | **1,253** |
| Greenwich | Aubuchon Hardware | 511 State Route 29 | Retail | 810 |
| Salem | A and J Enterprises Pro | 7 Thomas St | Retail | 443 |
| **Wayne County (2)** | | | | **1,768** |
| Newark | Sherwin-Williams | 599 W Union St | Retail | 1,145 |
| Wolcott | Wolcott Building Supply and Home Center | 11838 W Main St | Retail | 623 |
| **Westchester County (18)** | | | | **40,121** |
| Bedford | Bedford Ace Hardware | 466 Old Post Rd | Retail | 781 |
| Briarcliff Manor | Sherwin-Williams | 1908 Pleasantville Rd | Retail | 841 |
| Buchanan | Buchanan Home Center | 3119 Albany Post Rd | Retail | 1,022 |
| Eastchester | Sherwin-Williams | 360 White Plains Rd | Retail | 1,081 |
| Harrison | Harrison Paint Supply | 59 Purdy St | Retail | 612 |
| Millwood | Millwood Hardware | 235 Saw Mill River Rd | Retail | 677 |
| Mount Kisco | Sherwin-Williams | 156 N Bedford Rd | Retail | 1,213 |
| Mount Kisco | Mt Kisco Supply | 369 Lexington Ave | Retail | 42 |
| Peekskill | Sherwin-Williams | 1837 E Main St | Retail | 2,110 |
| Port Chester | Sherwin-Williams | 142 Midland Ave | Retail | 2,090 |
| Pound Ridge | Chubbys Hardware | 68 Westchester Ave | Retail | 276 |
| Scarsdale | Scarsdale Transfer Station | 110 Secor Rd | Transfer Station | 5,100 |
| South Salem | Rings End | 386 Smith Ridge Rd | Retail | 1,266 |
| Tuckahoe | Kawers Tuckahoe Paint and Glass | 29 Columbus Ave | Retail | 2,059 |
| Valhalla | Westchester County Valhalla HMRF | 15 Woods Rd | HHW Facility | 13,836 |
| Yonkers | Sherwin-Williams | 1025 Saw Mill River Rd | Retail | 374 |
| Yonkers | Yonkers Recycling Center | 735 Saw Mill River Rd | Recycling Center | 4,498 |
| Yorktown Heights | Yorktown Recycling Center | 2279 Crompound Rd | Recycling Center | 2,242 |
| **Wyoming County (1)** | | | | **485** |
| Warsaw | Montgomerys Building Supply | 100 Allen St | Retail | 485 |

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| **2. Supplemental Sites** | | | | **266,622** |
| **Albany County (8)** | | | | **13,838** |
| Albany | City of Albany Landfill (City) | 525 Rapp Rd | HHW Event | 2,794 |
| Albany | Colonie Central High School | 1 Raider Blvd | Paint Only Event | 4,015 |
| Bethlehem | Bethlehem Highway Garage (Town) | 74 Elm Ave E | HHW Event | 401 |
| Cohoes | Town of Colonie Landfill (Town) | 4 Arrowhead Ln | HHW Event | 1,588 |
| Delmar | Eagle Elementary School | 27 Van Dyke Rd | Paint Only Event | 2,995 |
| Guilderland Center | Guilderland Highway Dept (Town) | 6338 Frenches Mill Rd | HHW Event | 1,154 |
| Latham | PPG Paints (Closed Apr 2026) | 1 Avis Dr (Guptill Industrial Park) | Retail | 532 |
| Voorheesville | New Scotland Highway Dept (Town) | 2869 New Scotland Rd | HHW Event | 361 |
| **Allegany County (1)** | | | | **420** |
| Belmont | Belmont Transfer Station (County) | 6006 County Rd 48 | HHW Event | 420 |
| **Bronx County (2)** | | | | **5,367** |
| Bronx | Orchard Beach Parking Lot (DSNY) | Orchard Beach Parking Lot | HHW Event | 4,572 |
| Bronx | Fordham University Parking Area A | 2591 Southern Blvd | PaintCare Event | 795 |
| **Broome County (1)** | | | | **3,395** |
| Binghamton | City of Binghamton Public Works Dept | 17 Broad Ave | Paint Only Event | 3,395 |
| **Cattaraugus County (2)** | | | | **3,796** |
| Salamanca | Seneca Nation of Indians Environmental | 3674 Administration Dr | HHW Event | 49 |
| St. Bonaventure | St. Bonaventure University | 3261 West State Rd | Paint Only Event | 3,747 |
| **Cayuga County (1)** | | | | **1,033** |
| Auburn | Cayuga Soil and Water Conservation District (County) | 7413 County House Rd | HHW Event | 1,033 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chautauqua County (3)** | | | | **1,559** |
| Dunkirk | Dunkirk DPW (County) | 19 W Lucas Ave | HHW Event | 957 |
| Falconer | Dept of Public Facilities Bldg (County) | 454 N Work St | HHW Event | 490 |
| Irving | Seneca Nation Environmental Dept (Seneca Nation) | 84 Iroquois Dr | HHW Event | 112 |
| **Chemung County (2)** | | | | **7,036** |
| Elmira | City of Elmira DPW | 840 Linden Pl | Paint Only Event | 5,726 |
| Horseheads | Chemung County Fairgrounds (County/Cassella) | 170 Fairview Rd | HHW Event | 1,309 |
| **Clinton County (1)** | | | | **1,678** |
| Morrisonville | Clinton County Landfill (County) | 286 Sand Rd | HHW Event | 1,678 |
| **Columbia County (1)** | | | | **2,087** |
| Ghent | Columbia County Fire Training Center (County) | 50 Grandinetti Dr | HHW Event | 2,087 |
| **Cortland County (1)** | | | | **1,569** |
| Cortland | Cortland County Recycling Center (County) | 137 S Pendleton St | HHW Event | 1,569 |
| **Delaware County (1)** | | | | **1,235** |
| Delhi | Public Safety Building Complex (County) | 280 Phoebe Ln | HHW Event | 1,235 |
| **Dutchess County (1)** | | | | **469** |
| Poughkeepsie | PPG Paints (Closed Apr 2026) | 800 Main St | Retail | 469 |
| **Erie County (10)** | | | | **31,216** |
| Akron | Highway Dept/Joint Municipal Facility (County) | 12707 Clarence Center Rd | HHW Event | 658 |
| Buffalo | Buffalo State University, Lot R14 | 1300 Elmwood Ave | Paint Only Event | 2,290 |
| Buffalo | Martin Luther King Park (County) | 778 Best St | HHW Event | 2,978 |
| Buffalo | SUNY Buffalo South Campus (GS) | 3465 Main St | Paint Only Event | 5,527 |

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| Chaffee | Chaffee Landfill (Town) | 10860 Olean Rd | HHW Event | 274 |
| Depew | NYSDOT Facility | Indian Rd and Broadway | Other Event | 595 |
| Hamburg | Erie County Fairgrounds | 5600 McKinley Pkwy | Paint Only Event | 5,106 |
| Tonawanda | Tonawanda Middle/High School (GS) | 150 Hinds St | Paint Only Event | 2,288 |
| West Seneca | East Middle School | 1445 Center Rd | Paint Only Event | 5,597 |
| Williamsville | Erie Community College North Campus (PaintCare) | 6205 Main St | Paint Only Event | 5,902 |
| **Essex County (4)** | | | | **1,778** |
| Elizabethtown | Essex County DPW (County) | 8053 US Route 9 | HHW Event | 683 |
| Lake Placid | Town of North Elba Highway Garage (County) | 5648 Cascade Rd | HHW Event | 521 |
| North Hudson | North Hudson Town Highway Garage (County) | Route 9 - 7 Dump Rd | HHW Event | 301 |
| Ticonderoga | Ticonderoga Highway Garage (County) | 138 Racetrack Rd | HHW Event | 274 |
| **Fulton County (1)** | | | | **2,086** |
| Johnstown | Fulton County Landfilll (County) | 847 Mud Rd | HHW Event | 2,086 |
| **Greene County (1)** | | | | **2,603** |
| Athens | Greene County Highway Dept (County) | 67 Scott Ln | HHW Event | 2,603 |
| **Jefferson County (2)** | | | | **4,905** |
| Watertown | Jefferson County Highway Dept (DANC) | 21897 County Rd 190 | HHW Event | 2,613 |
| Watertown | Jefferson County Department of Public Works | 21897 County Rd 190 | Paint Only Event | 2,292 |
| **Kings County (4)** | | | | **7,771** |
| Brooklyn | Sherwin-Williams (Closed Feb 2026) | 7823 5th Ave | Retail | 183 |
| Brooklyn | Hardware Express True Value (Dropped Apr 2026) | 829 E New York Ave | Retail | |
| Brooklyn | Alexanders Hardware (Dropped May 2026) | 1606 Ave M | Retail | |
| Brooklyn | Floyd Bennett Field (DSNY) | Floyd Bennett Field | HHW Event | 7,588 |

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| **Lewis County (2)** | | | | **1,426** |
| Lowville | Lewis County Transfer Station | 7952 State Route 26 | Transfer Station Seasonal | 658 |
| Lowville | Lewis County Fairgrounds | 5485 Bostwick St | HHW Event | 768 |
| **Monroe County (3)** | | | | **15,690** |
| Greece | Town of Greece Town Hall | 1 Vince Tofany Blvd | Paint Only Event | 9,445 |
| Henrietta | Town of Henrietta DPW | 405 Calkins Rd | Paint Only Event | 5,466 |
| Spencerport | NYSDOT Facility (DEC) | 2441 S Union St | Other Event | 779 |
| **Montgomery County (1)** | | | | **1,131** |
| Fonda | County Annex Building (County) | 20 Park St | HHW Event | 1,131 |
| **Nassau County (6)** | | | | **6,378** |
| Glen Cove | Glen Cove DPW (City) | 100 Morris Ave | HHW Event | 1,129 |
| Manhasset | Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock | 48 Shelter Rock Rd | PaintCare Event | 853 |
| North Merrick | NYS DOT | 1234 Meadow Brook Rd | Other Event | 1,652 |
| Old Westbury | Westbury High School (Town) | 1 Post Rd (South Parking Lot) | HHW Event | 663 |
| Port Washington | North Hempstead Beach Park North Lot (Town) | 175 W Shore Rd | HHW Event | 1,411 |
| Syosset | Sherwin-Williams (Closed Feb 2026) | 406 Jericho Tpke | Retail | 671 |
| **New York County (2)** | | | | **1,927** |
| New York | Sherwin-Williams (Closed Feb 2026) | 554 2nd Ave | Retail | 501 |
| New York | Union Square (DSNY) | Union Square | HHW Event | 1,427 |
| **Niagara County (6)** | | | | **11,401** |
| Lewiston | Dwyer Ice Arena (GS) | 5795 Lewiston Rd - 1 Monteagle Trl | Paint Only Event | 3,379 |
| Lockport | NYSDOT Facility (DEC) | 5055 Lockport Junction Rd | Other Event | 464 |
| Lockport | Starpoint Central School District (GS) | 4363 Mapleton Rd | Paint Only Event | 2,889 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Niagara Falls | Veterans Memorial Community Park | 7000 Joe Rotella Way | Paint Only Event | 2,465 |
| North Tonawanda | North Tonawanda Public Works (County) | 758 Erie Ave | HHW Event | 1,803 |
| North Tonawanda | Wheatfield Town Hall | 2800 Church Rd | HHW Event | 402 |
| **Oneida County (2)** | | | | **16,523** |
| Rome | Department of Public Works | 132 Race St | Paint Only Event | 3,141 |
| Utica | EcoDrop Utica (OHSWA) | 80 Leland Ave | HHW Seasonal | 13,382 |
| **Onondaga County (2)** | | | | **12,273** |
| N Syracuse | DMV Parking Lot (ERP) | 5801 E Taft Rd | Paint Only Event | 11,062 |
| Syracuse | Sherwin-Williams (Closed Mar 2026) | 113 E Seneca Tpke | Retail | 1,211 |
| **Ontario County (2)** | | | | **4,503** |
| Farmington | Farmington Highway Dept (Casella) | 985 Hook Rd | HHW Event | 2,174 |
| Stanley | Ontario County Landfill Recycling Center (Casella) | 1879 State Route 5 & 20 | HHW Event | 2,329 |
| **Orange County (4)** | | | | **11,082** |
| Highland Falls | Orange County HHW Highland Falls | 378 Main St | Other Event | 1,091 |
| New Hampton | Orange County Transfer Station #1 | 21 Training Center Ln | HHW Event | 7,717 |
| Newburgh | Delano Hitch Recreation Center (County) | 401 Washington St | HHW Event | 1,272 |
| Port Jervis | Port Jervis High School Lower Parking Lot (County) | 10 Route 209 | HHW Event | 1,003 |
| **Orleans County (1)** | | | | **3,800** |
| Medina | GCC Medina Campus Center - Counties Orleans and Niagara | 11470 Maple Ridge Rd | Paint Only Event | 3,800 |
| **Oswego County (1)** | | | | **2,766** |
| Fulton | Bristol Hill Materials Recovery Facility - HHW Facility (County) | 3125 State Hwy 3 | HHW Seasonal | 2,766 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Otsego County (2)** | | | | **2,550** |
| Cooperstown | Meadows Office Bldg (County) | 140 County Hwy 33W | HHW Event | 1,666 |
| Unidilla | Unadilla Highway Bldg - Town Barn (County) | 216 Co Hwy 3 | HHW Event | 884 |
| **Putnam County (1)** | | | | **2,491** |
| Kent | Fahnestock State Park - Canopus Lake Beach Parking Lot (County) | 1570 Route 301 | HHW Event | 2,491 |
| **Queens County (5)** | | | | **8,089** |
| Flushing | Queens Botanical Garden | 42-80 Crommelin St | PaintCare Event | 55 |
| Jamaica | Resorts World Casino – Lot C (DSNY) | Resorts World Casino – Lot C | HHW Event | 5,225 |
| Queens Village | Alley Pond Athletic Playground Parking Lot | 79-20 Winchester Blvd | PaintCare Event | 1,186 |
| Woodhaven | Forest Park | Seuffert Bandshell Parking Lot, Forest Park, Forest Park | PaintCare Event | 1,178 |
| Woodhaven | NYS DOT | Forest Park Dr | Other Event | 446 |
| **Rensselaer County (7)** | | | | **6,320** |
| Johnsonville | Pittstown Transfer Station | 2500 NY-67 | Transfer Station Seasonal | 135 |
| Nassau | Village of Nassau DPW | 40 Maiden St | HHW Event | 221 |
| Schaghticoke | Schaghticoke Town Garage (ERCSWMA) | 895 Old Schaghticoke Rd | Other | 459 |
| Schodack | Town of Schodack Highway Garage (Town) | 3775 US Route 20 | HHW Event | 524 |
| Troy | Troy Alamo Disposal Facility (City) | 3000 East Industrial Pky | HHW Event | 755 |
| Troy | Brunswick Recycling Center (Town) | 336 Town Office Rd | HHW Event | 629 |
| Troy | Hudson Valley Community College (GS) | 80 Vandenburgh Ave | Paint Only Event | 3,598 |
| **Richmond County (1)** | | | | **6,485** |
| Staten Island | Midland Beach Parking Lot (DSNY) | Midland Beach Parking Lot L | HHW Event | 6,485 |

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| **Saratoga County (3)** | | | | **5,368** |
| Clifton Park | Clifton Park Transfer Station (Town) | 22 Ray Rd | HHW Event | 709 |
| Saratoga Springs | Saratoga Springs High School | 1 Blue Streak Blvd | Paint Only Event | 4,398 |
| Waterford | Town Highway Garage | 88 South St Extension | HHW Event | 262 |
| **Schenectady County (1)** | | | | **2,414** |
| Schenectady | Schenectady County Community College (County) | 78 Washington Ave | HHW Event | 2,414 |
| **Schoharie County (1)** | | | | **1,388** |
| Cobleskill | MOSA Schoharie County Transfer Station (County) | 2805 State Route 7 | HHW Event | 1,388 |
| **Seneca County (3)** | | | | **3,807** |
| Romulus | Seneca County Highway Dept (County) | 2017 Prospect St | HHW Event | 597 |
| Seneca Falls | Northeast College of Health Sciences | 2360 NY-89 | PaintCare Event | 2,160 |
| Waterloo | NYSDOT Facility (DEC) | 78 E River Rd | Other Event | 1,051 |
| **St Lawrence County (3)** | | | | **3,073** |
| Canton | St Lawrence County Highway Facility | 44 Park St | Other | 590 |
| Canton | SUNY Canton | 34 Cornell Dr | HHW Event | 704 |
| Massena | Massena Village Public Work Dept | 85 Robinson Rd | HHW Event | 1,779 |
| **Steuben County (1)** | | | | **667** |
| Painted Post | Erwin Transfer Station (County) | 622 S Hamilton St | HHW Event | 667 |
| **Suffolk County (10)** | | | | **9,362** |
| Cutchogue | Southold Town Transfer Station (Town) | 6155 Cox Ln | HHW Event | 2,482 |
| Hampton Bays | Hampton Bays Transfer Station (Town) | 30 Jackson Ave | HHW Event | 829 |
| Mastic | Angels of Long Island (Closed Sep 2025) | 14 Herkimer St | Reuse Store | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Melville | Costellos Ace Hardware (Closed Oct 2025) | 720 Walt Whitman Rd | Retail | 77 |
| Melville | NYSDOT Facility (DEC) | 1400 Walt Whitman Dr | Other Event | 2,292 |
| Montauk | Montauk Transfer Station (Town) | 365 Montauk Hwy | HHW Event | 451 |
| Riverhead | Town Highway Dept Yard (Town) | 1177 Osborn Ave | HHW Event | 1,225 |
| Riverhead | NYSDOT Facility (DEC) | 1900 County Route 58 (Old Country Rd) | Other Event | 975 |
| Sag Harbor | Sag Harbor Transfer Station (Town) | 1404 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Tpke | HHW Event | 432 |
| Southampton | North Sea Transfer Station (Town) | 1370 Majors Path | HHW Event | 598 |
| **Sullivan County (1)** | | | | **2,196** |
| Monticello | Monticello Transfer Station (County) | 91 Landfill Dr | HHW Event | 2,196 |
| **Tompkins County (1)** | | | | **3,497** |
| Ithaca | Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste Center (County) | 160 Commercial Ave | HHW Event | 3,497 |
| **Ulster County (3)** | | | | **9,305** |
| Kingston | UCRRA Ulster Transfer Station (County) | 999 Flatbush Rd | HHW Event | 1,214 |
| Kingston | City of Kingston - Kingston Plaza | 151 Plaza Rd | Paint Only Event | 6,864 |
| New Paltz | UCRRA New Paltz Transfer Station (County) | 1 Clearwater Rd | HHW Event | 1,226 |
| **Warren County (3)** | | | | **4,274** |
| Glens Falls | East Field Parking Lot | 175 Dix Ave | Paint Only Event | 2,854 |
| Queensbury | Queensbury Highway Garage (County) | 742 Bay Rd | HHW Event | 781 |
| Warrensburg | Warren County DPW (County) | 4028 Main St | HHW Event | 639 |
| **Wayne County (2)** | | | | **5,593** |
| Lyons | Wayne County SWDC | 7312 NY-31 | HHW Event | 888 |
| Palmyra | Palmyra Highway Department | 131 Kent St | Paint Only Event | 4,705 |

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| **Westchester County (6)** | | | | **6,067** |
| Peekskill | Charles Point Resource Recovery Facility (Resco) (County) | 1 Charles Point Ave | HHW Event | 500 |
| Rye | Rye Playland (County) | 1 Playland Pkwy | HHW Event | 621 |
| South Salem | Lewisboro Town Park (GS) | 1079 Rt 35 | Paint Only Event | 1,847 |
| Yonkers | Sprain Ridge Park (County) | 149 Jackskon Ave | HHW Event | 461 |
| Yonkers | Westchester County - Sprain Ridge Park | 149 Jackson Ave | Paint Only Event | 2,304 |
| Yorktown Heights | FDR State Park (County) | 2957 Crompond Rd | HHW Event | 335 |
| **Yates County (1)** | | | | **932** |
| Penn Yan | Yates County Fair Grounds (County) | 2370 Old Rt 14A | HHW Event | 932 |

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| **3. Large Volume Pickup Sites** | | | | **48,594** |
| **Albany County (10)** | | | | **1,825** |
| Albany | [State Government] | | LVP | 77 |
| Albany | [Government State] | | LVP | 245 |
| Albany | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 112 |
| Albany | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 177 |
| Albany | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 42 |
| Albany | [Church] | | LVP | 79 |
| Colonie | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 174 |
| Delmar | [Household] | | LVP | 85 |
| Guilderland Center | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 209 |
| Slingerlands | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 625 |
| **Bronx County (8)** | | | | **1,647** |
| Bronx | [Housing Authority] | | LVP | 251 |
| Bronx | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 227 |
| Bronx | [School or University] | | LVP | 200 |
| Bronx | [School or University] | | LVP | 161 |
| Bronx | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 186 |
| Bronx | [School or University] | | LVP | 60 |
| Bronx | [Construction] | | LVP | 485 |
| Bronx | [School or University] | | LVP | 78 |
| **Broome County (1)** | | | | **60** |
| Binghamton | [Government State] | | LVP | 60 |
| **Cattaraugus County (2)** | | | | **608** |
| Ellicottville | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 448 |
| Salamanca | [School or University] | | LVP | 160 |

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| **Cayuga County (1)** | | | | **49** |
| Weedsport | [Retailer] | | LVP | 49 |
| **Chautauqua County (1)** | | | | **86** |
| Westfield | [Hospital] | | LVP | 86 |
| **Chemung County (3)** | | | | **328** |
| Elmira | [Hospital] | | LVP | 117 |
| Elmira | [Paint Retailer] | | LVP | 139 |
| Elmira | [FoodBanml] | | LVP | 72 |
| **Chenango County (2)** | | | | **225** |
| Bainbridge | [School or University] | | LVP | 143 |
| Norwich | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 82 |
| **Clinton County (4)** | | | | **934** |
| Plattsburgh | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 288 |
| Plattsburgh | [Hospital] | | LVP | 36 |
| Plattsburgh | [School or University] | | LVP | 81 |
| Plattsburgh | [School or University] | | LVP | 528 |
| **Dutchess County (5)** | | | | **800** |
| Fishkill | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 367 |
| Pine Plains | [Household] | | LVP | 41 |
| Poughkeepsie | [School or University] | | LVP | 96 |
| Red Hook | [School or University] | | LVP | 185 |
| Stormville | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 110 |
| **Erie County (18)** | | | | **3,111** |
| Akron | [Campground] | | LVP | 208 |
| Amherst | [School or University] | | LVP | 226 |
| Bowmansville | [Construction] | | LVP | 368 |
| Buffalo | [Hospital] | | RLVP | 143 |

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| Buffalo | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 90 |
| Buffalo | [School or University] | | LVP | 390 |
| Buffalo | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 54 |
| Depew | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 230 |
| Depew | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 119 |
| Elma | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 76 |
| Elma | [Household] | | LVP | 49 |
| Lackawanna | [School or University] | | LVP | 103 |
| Lancaster | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 303 |
| Lancaster | [Government City] | | LVP | 100 |
| Orchard Park | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 311 |
| Orchard Park | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 74 |
| Orchard Park | [School or University] | | LVP | 100 |
| Williamsville | [Hospital] | | LVP | 167 |
| **Fulton County (1)** | | | | **367** |
| Gloversville | [Government City] | | LVP | 367 |
| **Genesee County (3)** | | | | **387** |
| Batavia | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 61 |
| Stafford | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 84 |
| Watworth | [School or University] | | LVP | 243 |
| **Jefferson County (2)** | | | | **1,049** |
| Fort Drum | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 631 |
| Fort Drum | [Government State] | | LVP | 417 |
| **Kings County (24)** | | | | **4,868** |
| Brooklyn | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 246 |
| Brooklyn | [Paint Retailer] | | LVP | 71 |
| Brooklyn | [City Government] | | LVP | 623 |
| Brooklyn | [Photo Studio] | | LVP | 186 |
| Brooklyn | [Household] | | LVP | 27 |

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| Brooklyn | [Household] | | LVP | 21 |
| Brooklyn | [School or University] | | LVP | 206 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 442 |
| Brooklyn | [Household] | | LVP | 56 |
| Brooklyn | [Non for profit] | | LVP | 141 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 219 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 340 |
| Brooklyn | [Amusement Park] | | LVP | 231 |
| Brooklyn | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 61 |
| Brooklyn | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 84 |
| Brooklyn | [Hospital] | | LVP | 296 |
| Brooklyn | [Construction] | | LVP | 162 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 430 |
| Brooklyn | [School or University] | | LVP | 139 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 264 |
| Brooklyn | [School or University] | | LVP | 108 |
| Brooklyn | [Government State] | | LVP | 71 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 293 |
| Brooklyn | [Government City] | | LVP | 152 |
| **Livingston County (2)** | | | | **314** |
| Geneseo | [School or University] | | LVP | 195 |
| Mount Morris | [School or University] | | LVP | 118 |
| **Madison County (4)** | | | | **333** |
| Canastota | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 115 |
| Chittenango | [School or University] | | LVP | 100 |
| Hamilton | [School or University] | | LVP | 52 |
| Madison | [School or University] | | LVP | 65 |
| **Monroe County (18)** | | | | **4,506** |
| Brockport | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 356 |
| East Rochester | [Construction] | | LVP | 262 |

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| Henrietta | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 290 |
| Irondequoit | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 104 |
| Pittsford | [Government City] | | LVP | 1,827 |
| Rochester | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 139 |
| Rochester | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 88 |
| Rochester | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 60 |
| Rochester | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 69 |
| Rochester | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 169 |
| Rochester | [School or University] | | LVP | 95 |
| Rochester | [Government State] | | LVP | 178 |
| Rochester | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 166 |
| Rochester | [Machine/Tooling Manufacturer] | | LVP | 98 |
| Rochester | [Household] | | LVP | 158 |
| Webster | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 147 |
| Webster | [School or University] | | LVP | 121 |
| Webster | [Closed Retailer] | | LVP | 179 |
| **Montgomery County (2)** | | | | **210** |
| Mohawk | [City Government] | | LVP | 135 |
| Sprakers | [Construction] | | LVP | 74 |
| **Nassau County (6)** | | | | **1,154** |
| Centre Island | [Construction] | | LVP | 174 |
| Glen Cove | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 337 |
| Hicksville | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 144 |
| New Hyde Park | [Hospital] | | LVP | 257 |
| Seaford | [School or University] | | LVP | 83 |
| Syosset | [School or University] | | LVP | 160 |
| **New York County (34)** | | | | **4,261** |
| Manhattan | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 86 |
| Manhattan | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 93 |
| New York | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 368 |

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| New York | [Hospital] | | LVP | 47 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 279 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 32 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 108 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 50 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 40 |
| New York | [Household] | | LVP | 27 |
| New York | [Hotel] | | LVP | 57 |
| New York | [Household] | | LVP | 71 |
| New York | [Hotel] | | LVP | 61 |
| New York | [Non-profit] | | LVP | 50 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 114 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 35 |
| New York | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 81 |
| New York | [Paint Retailer] | | LVP | 181 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 371 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 177 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 65 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 72 |
| New York | [Construction] | | LVP | 125 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 121 |
| New York | [School or University] | | LVP | 112 |
| New York | [Construction] | | LVP | 146 |
| New York | [Church] | | LVP | 139 |
| New York | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 150 |
| New York | [School or University] | | LVP | 229 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 48 |
| New York | [Business Improvement District] | | LVP | 122 |
| New York | [Hotel] | | LVP | 238 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 198 |
| New York | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 166 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Niagara County (4)** | | | | **797** |
| Lockport | [School or University] | | LVP | 341 |
| Niagara Falls | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 278 |
| North Tonawanda | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 120 |
| Tonawanda | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 58 |
| **Onondaga County (14)** | | | | **1,444** |
| Baldwinsville | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 91 |
| Cicero | [Household] | | LVP | 76 |
| East Syracuse | [Construction] | | LVP | 60 |
| Liverpool | [Construction] | | LVP | 60 |
| Liverpool | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 59 |
| Liverpool | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 128 |
| Manlius | [Construction] | | LVP | 273 |
| Syracuse | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 49 |
| Syracuse | [University] | | LVP | 212 |
| Syracuse | [Hospital] | | LVP | 82 |
| Syracuse | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 139 |
| Syracuse | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 62 |
| Syracuse | [School or University] | | LVP | 84 |
| Syracuse | [Shelter for Women and Children] | | LVP | 71 |
| **Ontario County (1)** | | | | **360** |
| Geneva | [Household] | | LVP | 360 |
| **Orange County (8)** | | | | **1,351** |
| Cornwall | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 91 |
| Harriman | [School or University] | | LVP | 513 |
| Middletown | [School or University] | | LVP | 106 |
| Middletown | [Hospital] | | LVP | 366 |
| Monroe | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 73 |
| Newburgh | [Household] | | LVP | 74 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wallkill | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 64 |
| Warwick | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 64 |
| **Orleans County (2)** | | | | **210** |
| Albion | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 103 |
| Medina | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 107 |
| **Otsego County (1)** | | | | **71** |
| South New Berlin | [Wedding Venue] | | LVP | 71 |
| **Putnam County (2)** | | | | **199** |
| Patterson | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 111 |
| Patterson | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 88 |
| **Queens County (16)** | | | | **3,885** |
| Astoria | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 697 |
| Astoria | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 257 |
| Astoria | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 153 |
| Astoria | [Utility Company] | | LVP | 326 |
| Bellerose | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 70 |
| Glendale | [School or University] | | LVP | 78 |
| Long Island City | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 42 |
| Long Island City | [Museum] | | LVP | 108 |
| Middle Village | [Construction] | | LVP | 416 |
| Middle Village | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 33 |
| Ozone Park | [Household] | | LVP | 8 |
| South Ozone Park | [School or University] | | LVP | 61 |
| Woodside | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 431 |
| Woodside | [Construction] | | LVP | 178 |
| Woodside | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 165 |
| Woodside | [Retailer] | | LVP | 861 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rensselaer County (4)** | | | | **533** |
| Troy | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 267 |
| Troy | [School District] | | LVP | 112 |
| Troy | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 71 |
| Troy | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 82 |
| **Richmond County (1)** | | | | **178** |
| Staten Island | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 178 |
| **Rockland County (3)** | | | | **738** |
| Congers | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 564 |
| Piermont | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 76 |
| Sloatsburg | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 98 |
| **Saratoga County (4)** | | | | **693** |
| Ballston Spa | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 491 |
| Clifton Park | [Residential Healthcare and Reahb] | | LVP | 69 |
| Saratoga Springs | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 50 |
| South Glens Falls | [Construction] | | LVP | 83 |
| **Schenectady County (1)** | | | | **47** |
| Schenectady | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 47 |
| **St Lawrence County (3)** | | | | **420** |
| Canton | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 256 |
| Edwards | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 117 |
| Norwood | [Government State] | | LVP | 47 |
| **Steuben County (1)** | | | | **101** |
| Painted Post | [Manufacturer] | | LVP | 101 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Suffolk County (19)** | | | | **4,170** |
| Bellport | [School or University] | | LVP | 104 |
| Bohemia | [Construction] | | LVP | 126 |
| Center Moriches | [School or University] | | LVP | 51 |
| Commack | [Paint Retailer] | | LVP | 242 |
| Deer Park | [Paint Retailer] | | LVP | 112 |
| East Islip | [NYS Park] | | LVP | 55 |
| Holtsville | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 280 |
| Huntington Station | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 89 |
| Kings Park | [School or University] | | LVP | 87 |
| Laurel | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 110 |
| Melville | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 395 |
| Oakdale | [School or University] | | LVP | 215 |
| Port Jefferson | [School or University] | | LVP | 72 |
| Riverhead | [School or University] | | LVP | 228 |
| Ronkonkoma | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 1,342 |
| Ronkonkoma | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 121 |
| Selden | [School or University] | | LVP | 113 |
| Shoreham | [School or University] | | LVP | 319 |
| St james | [Household] | | LVP | 110 |
| **Sullivan County (4)** | | | | **927** |
| Highland | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 227 |
| Liberty | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 70 |
| Monticello | [Not for Profit School] | | LVP | 336 |
| Monticello | [Not for Profit School] | | LVP | 294 |
| **Tompkins County (7)** | | | | **1,494** |
| Ithaca | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 269 |
| Ithaca | [University] | | RLVP | 295 |
| Ithaca | [School or University] | | LVP | 179 |
| Ithaca | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 91 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ithaca | [School or University] | | LVP | 114 |
| Lansing | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 487 |
| Lansing | [Household] | | LVP | 59 |
| **Ulster County (2)** | | | | **171** |
| Kingston | [Construction] | | LVP | 101 |
| Ulster Park | [Construction] | | LVP | 70 |
| **Warren County (2)** | | | | **270** |
| Queensbury | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 156 |
| Queensbury | [Theme Park] | | LVP | 114 |
| **Wayne County (2)** | | | | **193** |
| Macedon | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 81 |
| Patham | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 112 |
| **Westchester County (10)** | | | | **2,288** |
| Briarcliff Manor | [Country Club] | | LVP | 201 |
| Elmsford | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 118 |
| Harrison | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 573 |
| Larchmont | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 120 |
| Mount Kisco | [Household] | | LVP | 52 |
| Mt Kisco | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 183 |
| Pleasantville | [School or University] | | LVP | 98 |
| Scarsdale | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 99 |
| Yonkers | [Painting Contractor] | | LVP | 692 |
| Yonkers | [Retailer] | | LVP | 152 |
| **Wyoming County (1)** | | | | **641** |
| Warsaw | [Property Manager/Owner] | | LVP | 641 |
| **Yates County (1)** | | | | **290** |
| Penn Yan | [Church] | | LVP | 290 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4. Door-to-Door Programs** | | | | **2,375** |
| **Erie County (5)** | | | | **656** |
| Boston | Boston Door-to-Door Program | (No street address) | HHW D2D | 98 |
| Colden | Colden Door-to-Door Program | (No street address) | HHW D2D | 202 |
| Holland | Holland Door-to-Door Program | (No street address) | HHW D2D | 69 |
| Orchard Park | Orchard Park Door-to-Door Program | (No street address) | HHW D2D | 146 |
| Springville | Springville Door-to-Door Program | (No street address) | HHW D2D | 141 |
| **Niagara County (1)** | | | | **533** |
| Model City | CWM Chemical Services, LLC (Door-to-Door Program | 1550 Balmer Rd | HHW D2D | 533 |
| **Richmond County (1)** | | | | **1,187** |
| none | GreenSheen NYS D2D Service (PaintCare D2D Consolidation | No Street Address | PaintCare D2D | 1,187 |

## NEW YORK PAINTCARE SITES IN FY2026

**SITES WITH 0 GALLONS DID NOT HAVE PAINT PICKED UP DURING THE REPORTING YEAR.**

| City/Town | Site Name | Address | Type | Gallons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5. Special Sites** | | | | **22,669** |
| **Bronx County (1)** | | | | **1,049** |
| Bronx | Special Waste Drop-Off Site (Bronx-Hunts Point) (DSNY) | Foot of Farragut St | Special | 1,049 |
| **Kings County (1)** | | | | **3,452** |
| Brooklyn | Special Waste Drop-Off Site (Brooklyn-Greenpoint) (DSNY) | 459 N Henry St | Special | 3,452 |
| **New York County (1)** | | | | **1,226** |
| New York | Special Waste Drop-Off Site (Manhattan-Lower East Side) (DSNY) | 74 Pike Slip (under Manhattan Bridge) | Special | 1,226 |
| **Queens County (1)** | | | | **8,140** |
| College Point | Special Waste Drop-Off Site (Queens-College Point) (DSNY) | 120-15 31st Ave | Special | 8,140 |
| **Richmond County (1)** | | | | **8,802** |
| Staten Island | Special Waste Drop-Off Site (Staten Island-Fresh Kills) (DSNY) | 2 Muldoon Ave | Special | 8,802 |
| Total for All Sites | | | | 817,675 |

# Appendix B

**Audit Report and Financial Statements**

PaintCare Inc. New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program

Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report

June 30, 2026

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of PaintCare Inc.

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of PaintCare Inc. ("PaintCare") New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program ("the Program"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2026; the related statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2026; and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Program as of June 30, 2026, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Program and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Program's ability to continue as going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Program's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

**Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)**

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Rogers & Company PLLC

McLean, Virginia

September 30, 2026

## Statement of Financial Position

PaintCare Inc. - New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program
for the Year Ended June 30, 2026

### Assets

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Cash | 12,716,612 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,519,479 |
| Due from PaintCare Inc. | 9,107,095 |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,535 |
| Total assets | 23,344,721 |

### Liabilities and Net Assets

### Liabilities

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,937,708 |
| Total liabilities | 1,937,708 |

### Net Assets

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Without donor restrictions | 21,407,013 |
| Total net assets | 21,407,013 |

### Total Liabilities and Net Assets

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Total liabilities and net assets | 23,344,721 |

## Statement of Activities

PaintCare Inc. - New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program
for the Year Ended June 30, 2026

### Revenue and Support

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Paint recovery fees | 15,708,916 |
| Interest income | 410,868 |
| Total revenue and support | 16,119,784 |

### Expenses

### Program and Delivery Services

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Salaries and related benefits | 818,297 |
| Collection support | 593,032 |
| Transportation and processing | 6,519,770 |
| Communications | 3,655,510 |
| Professional fees | 17,586 |
| Travel | 49,647 |
| Meetings | 1,823 |
| Office and supplies | 6,175 |
| Professional development | 11 |
| Other program expenses | 11,572 |
| Total program and delivery services | 11,673,423 |
| General and administrative | 1,826,107 |
| Total expenses | 13,499,530 |

### Change in Net Assets

| Description | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Change in Net Assets | 2,620,254 |
| Net Assets, beginning of period | 18,786,759 |
| Net Assets, end of period | 21,407,013 |

## Statement of Functional Expenses

PaintCare Inc. - New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program
for the Year Ended June 30, 2026

| Description | Program and Delivery Services ($) | General and Administrative ($) | Total ($) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries and related benefits | 818,297 | 0 | 818,297 |
| Collection support | 593,032 | 0 | 593,032 |
| Transportation and processing | 6,519,770 | 0 | 6,519,770 |
| Communications | 3,655,510 | 0 | 3,655,510 |
| Professional fees | 17,586 | 46,026 | 63,612 |
| Travel | 49,647 | 0 | 49,647 |
| Meetings | 1,823 | 0 | 1,823 |
| Office and supplies | 6,175 | 0 | 6,175 |
| Professional development | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Other program expenses | 11,572 | 0 | 11,572 |
| Allocation of corporate activities | 0 | 1,780,081 | 1,780,081 |
| Total Expenses | 11,673,423 | 1,826,107 | 13,499,530 |

## Statement of Cash Flows

PaintCare Inc. - New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program
for the Year Ended June 30, 2026

| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | Amount ($) |
|---|---|
| Change in net assets | 2,620,254 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities: Amortization of intangible assets | 1,675 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: Decrease in: Accounts receivable, net | 765,732 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: Increase in: Due from PaintCare Inc. | (3,186,592) |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: Decrease in: Prepaid expenses | 4,027 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: Increase in: Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 53,594 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 258,690 |
| Net Change in Cash | 258,690 |
| Cash, beginning of period | 12,457,922 |
| Cash, end of period | 12,716,612 |

## Notes to Financial Statements

PaintCare Inc. New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program - June 30, 2026

### 1. Nature of Operations

The New York Architectural Paint Recovery Program (“the Program”) is authorized to implement measures to require paint manufacturers to develop and implement a program to collect, transport, and process post-consumer paint to reduce the costs and environmental impacts of the disposal of post-consumer paint in New York. The Program is administered by PaintCare Inc. (“PaintCare”).

PaintCare, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was created in October 2009 by the American Coatings Association (ACA), who, working with state and local government stakeholders, passed the first ever paint product stewardship law in the United States in the state of Oregon in 2009. The paint stewardship legislation guides an industry-led, end-of-life management program for post-consumer paint, which PaintCare operates. The PaintCare Board is made up of architectural paint manufacturers and participation in PaintCare is not limited to ACA members, but open to all architectural paint manufacturers. There are no dues or registration fees associated with PaintCare.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The Program’s financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Net assets without donor restrictions represent funds that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and are available for support of the Program’s operations. There were no assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2026.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from post-consumer paint recovery fees and are presented net of an allowance for credit losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. The allowance for credit losses is based upon historical loss experience in combination with current economic conditions and a forecast of future economic conditions. Any change in the assumptions used in analyzing a specific account receivable might result in an additional allowance for credit losses being recognized in the period in which the change occurs. The Program has determined there are no expected credit losses at June 30, 2026.

### Intangible Assets

The Program capitalizes certain costs associated with computer software and other intangible assets developed or obtained for internal use. The Program's policy provides for the capitalization of external direct costs of preliminary project state activities, training, maintenance, and post implementation stages activities are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is five years.

### Communications Costs

On behalf of the Program, PaintCare holds communications-related contracts for advertising, marketing, and consumer awareness. Communications costs are charged to operations when incurred. Communications expenses were $3,655,510 for the year ended June 30, 2026, and are included in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of functional expenses.

### Revenue Recognition

The Program recognizes revenue from post-consumer paint recovery fees at the time the architectural paint product is sold by a manufacturer participant of the paint product stewardship program. Manufacturer participants in the Program pay the PaintCare recovery fee to PaintCare based on the amount of program products they sell on a monthly basis.

Program participants report their monthly unit sales of paint through a secure, HTTPS online system using their unique user ID and password. The participant must pay a paint recovery fee per unit sold, based on container size, according to the established fee schedule. As the PaintCare recovery fee is added to the wholesale price of paint and passed through uniformly to the retail purchase price of paint—so that the manufacturer, distributor, and/or retailer is made whole—in some cases, distributors or retailers have elected to undertake the obligation of the manufacturer for these fees. Thus, PaintCare has allowed remitter agreements in the Program, whereby a distributor or retailer reports and remits directly to PaintCare on behalf of a participant manufacturer's brand or brands. Reports and payment are due by the end of the month following the reporting period.

### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various program and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying financial statements. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Program has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 30, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## 3. Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditures, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following at June 30, 2026:

| | |
|---|---:|
| Cash | 12,716,612 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,519,479 |
| Total available for general expenditures | 14,236,091 |

There are certain additional liquid assets of PaintCare as a whole which are available to the Program. PaintCare strives to maintain liquid financial assets sufficient to cover 90 days of general expenditures for the Program. Financial assets in excess of daily cash requirements are handled and invested in money market funds and highly liquid securities by PaintCare.

## 4. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Program to significant concentrations of credit risk consist of cash. The Program maintains cash deposit and transaction accounts with one financial institution and these values, from time to time, exceed insurable limits under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Program has not experienced any credit losses on its cash to date as it relates to FDIC insurance limits. Management periodically assesses the financial condition of the financial institution and believes that the risk of any credit loss is minimal.

## 5. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the following at June 30, 2026:

| | |
|---|---|
| Software | 8,375 |
| Less: accumulated amortization | (6,840) |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,535 |

Amortization expense for each year of the estimated remaining lives is estimated to be as follows for the year ending June 30:

| | |
|---|---|
| 2027 | 1,535 |
| Future estimated amortization | 1,535 |

## 6. Related Party Transactions

ACA, a related party, is a separate, 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization working to advance the needs of the paint and coatings industry and the professionals who work in it. ACA serves its members as an advocate on legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues at the federal, state, and local levels. ACA also provides members with such services as research and technical information, statistical management information, legal guidance, and community service project support, and acts as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas among the industry and its business partners.

ACA incorporated PaintCare for the sole purpose of implementing programs for post-consumer architectural paint, including the recovery program pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 48700. ACA maintains a controlling interest in PaintCare through the ability to appoint its Board of Directors.

In February 2011, ACA and PaintCare entered into an affiliation agreement whereby ACA charges PaintCare an administrative fee, annually, to cover the following expense categories: allocation of time incurred by PaintCare officers, allocation of other direct labor, and allocation of occupancy and infrastructure costs. The term of the agreement is for one year and automatically renews for one-year terms unless canceled by either party.

For the year ended June 30, 2026, total administrative fees charged by ACA to PaintCare were $3,547,835 and of this amount $661,154 related to the Program. At June 30, 2026, PaintCare owed the Program $9,107,095 related to paint recovery fees that are being held on behalf of the Program and are included in the accompanying statement of financial position.

## 7. Methods Used for Allocation of Expenses from Management & General Activities

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses using the direct allocation method. Each expense is assigned to a functional category based on direct usage.

## 8. Income Taxes

The Program itself is not subject to income taxes. The steward of the Program, PaintCare, is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is exempt from income taxes except for taxes on unrelated business activities.

# Appendix C




## A Program to Manage Leftover Paint

*Each year about 850 million gallons of architectural paint are sold in the United States. Did you know that about 10 percent goes unused and can be reused and recycled?*

New York's paint stewardship law requires the paint manufacturing industry to operate a financially sustainable and environmentally responsible program to manage postconsumer (leftover) architectural paint. Paint manufacturers created PaintCare, a nonprofit organization, to run paint stewardship programs in states with applicable laws.

The program includes education about buying the right amount of paint, tips for using up remaining paint, and setting up convenient recycling locations throughout the state.

## PaintCare Products

*These products have a fee when you buy them and are accepted for drop-off at no additional cost:*

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

*Leaking, unlabeled, and empty containers are not accepted at drop-off sites.*

## Non-PaintCare Products

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol coatings
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulk, 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

For information about recycling and proper disposal of non-PaintCare products, please contact your garbage hauler, local environmental health agency, household hazardous waste program, or public works department.

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# Recycle WITH **PaintCare**



## Where Do I Take Leftover Paint?

Paint recycling is convenient with PaintCare. We set up paint drop-off sites throughout the state. To find your nearest drop-off site, use PaintCare's drop-off site locator at www.paintcare.org or call our hotline at (855) PAINT09.

## How to Recycle

PaintCare sites accept all brands of leftover house paint, stain, and varnish, whether recently used or many years old. Containers must be five gallons or smaller, and some types of paint are not accepted. See back panel for a list of what PaintCare accepts.

All PaintCare drop-off sites accept up to five gallons of paint per visit. Some sites accept more. Please call sites in advance to confirm business hours and make sure they can accept the amount of paint you would like to recycle.

Make sure all paint containers have lids and original labels, and load them securely in your vehicle if driving. Take them to a drop-off site during their regular business hours. We'll take it from there.



## What Happens to the Paint?

PaintCare makes sure that your leftover paint is processed into recycled paint, used as a fuel, made into other products, or is properly disposed if no other beneficial use for it can be found.

## Who Can Use the Program?

Households may drop off as much latex or oil-based paint as the PaintCare drop-off site is willing to accept.

Businesses may drop off any amount of latex-based paint the PaintCare drop-off site is willing to accept, but limits may apply to oil-based paint. Visit www.paintcare.org/business-limits for more information.

## Do You Accept Large Volumes of Paint?

If you have at least 100 gallons of paint to recycle at your business or home, ask about our free large volume pickup service. Please visit www.paintcare.org for more details or to request a pickup.






## PaintCare Fee

PaintCare is funded by a fee paid by paint manufacturers for each can of paint sold in the state. Manufacturers pass the fee to retailers, who then apply it to the price of paint. The fee is based on the size of the container as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| $0.00 | Half pint or smaller |
| $0.45 | Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon |
| $0.95 | 1–2 gallons |
| $1.95 | Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons |

## Not a Deposit

The fee is not a deposit—it is part of the purchase price. The fee is used to fund the costs of running the program, including recycling, public education, staffing, and other expenses.

## Contact Us

To learn more or find a drop-off site, please visit www.paintcare.org or call (855) PAINT09.

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## It's easy to recycle your leftover paint, stain, and varnish.

Find a drop-off site near you:
**(855) PAINT09** | **paintcare.org**

## Paint Smarter

Scan the code above with your smart phone or visit **paintcare.org/paint-smarter** to get tips on how to buy the right amount of paint, use up what's left, and recycle the rest with PaintCare.

*A nonprofit organization created by paint manufacturers, PaintCare is committed to making it easy and convenient to recycle leftover paint in states with paint stewardship laws.*

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# Paint Recycling Program

Paint manufacturers created PaintCare, a nonprofit organization, to provide convenient places for households and businesses to recycle leftover paint. PaintCare sets up paint drop-off sites throughout states that pass paint stewardship laws.

## PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

These products have a fee when you buy them and are accepted for drop-off at no additional cost:

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

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## NON-PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulk, 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

## PAINTCARE FEE

The PaintCare fee is applied to the purchase price of architectural paint as required by law. The fee funds collection, transportation, and processing costs. The fee is based on container size as follows:

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|---|---|
| $0.00 | Half pint or smaller |
| $0.45 | Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon |
| $0.95 | 1–2 gallons |
| $1.95 | Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons |

For more information or to find a place to take your unwanted paint for recycling, please ask for the PaintCare brochure, visit **paintcare.org**, or call **(855) PAINT09**.



# Counter Mat

## Recycle with PaintCare!

**Buy Right:** Consult with painting professionals and retailers to buy the right amount of paint and reduce potential waste.

**Use It Up:** Use up leftover paint on the surface you are painting, on additional painting projects around the house, or give it to someone else in your community.

**Recycle the Rest:** When you can't use up leftover paint, drop it off with PaintCare to get it recycled!

Visit **www.paintcare.org** to find a year-round paint drop-off site near you or schedule a large volume pickup.

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**NEW YORK START DATE**
**MAY 1, 2022**

### What types of paint products can be recycled with PaintCare?

**PAINTCARE PRODUCTS**

The following are products included in the program. When purchased, the PaintCare fee is applied. These products are accepted at no additional cost when dropped off at PaintCare's participating drop-off sites.

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

**NON-PAINTCARE PRODUCTS**

The following are non-PaintCare products and are not included in the program. When purchased, the PaintCare fee is not applied. They are not accepted at PaintCare's participating drop-off sites.

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulk, 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 Manufacturing (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes
- Containers that are leaking or empty, and containers without the original printed manufacturer's label are not accepted at retail drop-off sites

**PROGRAM FUNDING**

The PaintCare fee is applied to the purchase price of architectural paint sold in New York as required by law. The fee is based on container size:

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|---|---|
| Half pint or smaller | $0.00 |
| Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon | $0.45 |
| 1 gallon up to 2 gallons | $0.95 |
| Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons | $1.95 |

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# **Recycle Paint** at This Store




## PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

*Paint must be in sealed, original container with original manufacturer label.*

- House paint and primers (latex or oil-based)
- Stains
- Deck and concrete sealers
- Clear finishes (e.g., varnishes, shellac)

## NON-PAINTCARE PRODUCTS

*No leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers*

- No aerosol coatings
- No drums or containers larger than 5 gallons
- We cannot accept other hazardous waste or chemicals such as paint thinner, solvents, motor oil, spackle, glue, adhesive, roofing tar, pesticides, cleaning chemicals

**Paint is accepted during business hours only. Staff will check all products before accepting.**

For a complete list of PaintCare Products, scan the code, ask for the PaintCare brochure, visit www.paintcare.org, or call **(855) PAINT09**.

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# We are a PaintCare Partner

The fee on the sale of paint in New York funds our program.




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Products must be in original containers with original labels.
Latex paint that is dried out and "rock hard" is also acceptable.

## Non-PaintCare Products

*These products do not have a fee when purchased and are not accepted at drop-off sites:*

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Arts and crafts paints
- Caulk, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar, and bitumen-based products
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# See a staff member for assistance before dropping off paint for recycling.




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# NO DUMPING

## STOP!

## IT'S ILLEGAL

**to dump or abandon Paint, Oil, or other Hazardous Waste**



**THIS AREA MAY BE UNDER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**

**Violators Will Be Prosecuted**

# LARGE VOLUME PICKUP (LVP) SERVICE

*Free Pickups for 100+ Gallons of Leftover Paint*

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In states where PaintCare operates, households, businesses, and others who have accumulated a large volume of paint may be eligible for PaintCare's free large volume pickup service (LVP) for 100 or more gallons, measured by container size, not liquid volume.

## How to Request an LVP

### 1 Sort and count your paint

Tally the number of each container size and the type of products you have, sorted into two categories:

- Water-based paints and stains
- Oil-based paints and stains and any other program products (sealers and clear top-coat products, such as varnish and shellac)

### 2 Fill out the request form

Fill out the LVP request form at www.paintcare.org/pickup. Call PaintCare at (855) PAINT09 if you need assistance using the web form.

### 3 Schedule your pickup

PaintCare staff will either approve your site for a pickup or inform you of the best place to take your paint if you do not meet the requirements. If approved, we will connect you with our licensed transporter to schedule a pickup. It may be several weeks before your pickup occurs.

### 4 Prepare for your pickup

Sort your products into the two categories as noted above and store them in an area that has easy access for the transporter. The path should be at least four feet wide to accommodate movement of the paint collection bins.

On the day of your pickup, the transporter is responsible for packing the paint into the bins. Once your paint is properly packed and loaded onto the transporter's truck, you will sign a shipping document and receive a copy for your records. Your paint will then be taken to an authorized facility for processing.

To view a full list of accepted products, please visit www.paintcare.org/products. For non-PaintCare products, households should reach out to their local Household Hazardous Waste facility and businesses should contact a licensed hazardous waste transportation company.



### Drums and Bulked Paint Are Not Accepted

PaintCare only accepts paint in containers that are 5 gallons or smaller in size. Leave paint in original cans with original labels; do not combine or bulk paint from small cans into larger ones.

With the exception of businesses in Illinois, to use the PaintCare program for oil-based paint, a business must qualify as an exempt generator under federal and any analogous state hazardous waste generator rules. Please visit www.paintcare.org/business-limits for more information on exempt generator rules. If your business does not qualify as an exempt generator, it will not be able to use the program for oil-based paint, but it can still use the program for latex products. (Non-exempt generators may use the pickup service in New York. Contact PaintCare for details.)

For more information, visit www.paintcare.org.

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# PAINTING CONTRACTORS

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PaintCare is a nonprofit organization created by paint companies to help consumers manage leftover paint responsibly. We provide drop-off sites and pickups where households and businesses can clear out leftover paint free of charge for recycling, reuse, and other management.






## Convenient Drop-Off Sites

Contractors and their clients can bring paint to PaintCare's drop-off sites year-round. Most sites accept up to 5 gallons per visit; some take more. Find the nearest drop-off sites at www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites.

## Free Pickup Service for Large Volumes

Painting contractors with at least 100 gallons of leftover paint may qualify for a free pickup. Learn more and request an appointment at www.paintcare.org/pickup.

## Fee and Funding

Paint stewardship laws require a fee to be added by manufacturers to the wholesale price of all paint covered products sold in the states where PaintCare operates. The fee funds PaintCare program operations including paint collection and recycling, consumer education, and program administration.

Fee ranges vary by container size and by state. To find the fee ranges applicable to the products you are purchasing, please visit www.paintcare.org/fee.

The PaintCare fee is only added to the products collected by the program. Visit www.paintcare.org/products for the complete list of accepted and unaccepted products.

**Small containers**
*(e.g., pints & quarts)*
$0.30–$0.65

**Mid-size containers**
*(1–2 gallons)*
$0.65–$1.45

**Larger sizes**
*(up to 5 gallons)*
$1.50–$2.75

## Recommendations for Contractors

When estimating jobs, contractors should take the PaintCare fee into account by checking with suppliers to make sure their quotes for paint products include the fee. PaintCare suggests that painting contractors pass on the fee to customers in order to recoup the cost. Tell customers that quotes include the fee which funds the recycling program they can use.

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# RETAIL DROP-OFF SITE

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## Benefits for PaintCare Drop-Off Sites

- Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient for your customers
- Support the paint industry's effort to lead the way in being responsible for end-of-life management of its products
- Put leftover paint to a beneficial use and keep it out of landfills
- Promote your store's environmental responsibility
- Increase customer foot traffic and sales opportunities
- Help relieve local government of their cost of managing leftover paint
- Be advertised by PaintCare on their website and in consumer outreach efforts
- Help your state conserve resources, keep paint out of the waste stream, and prevent the improper disposal of paint in your community

## 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
- Paint spill kits
- Listing of your store as a drop-off site on our website and in advertisements and promotional materials

## Drop-Off Site Responsibilities

- Provide secure storage area for paint collection bins
- Accept all brands of leftover PaintCare products from the public during regular business 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 program guidelines and operating procedures
- Display "drop-off site" signs in store window and provide consumers education materials about the program



Most drop-off sites are paint and hardware stores; others are waste transfer stations, recycling centers, landfills, and household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities. There are more than 2,400 drop-off sites across all PaintCare programs.

Participation as a drop-off site is voluntary. However, all retailers in active PaintCare states should 1) be aware of the program, 2) know that the PaintCare fee is applied to the price of architectural paint products, and 3) know that drop-off sites are available throughout the state.

### Interested in Becoming a Drop-Off Site?

Fill out the interest form online at www.paintcare.org/drop-off-site-interest-form.

For more information, visit www.paintcare.org.

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# NEW YORK PAINT STEWARDSHIP
*for Retailers*

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## Participation as a Drop-Off Site is Voluntary

Paint retailers are encouraged to participate as paint drop-off sites. Participating can increase foot traffic and provide an environmentally responsible service for retailers' customers by making it convenient for them to recycle leftover paint. Store staff will screen and accept paint from the public. All supplies, including collection bins, as well as transportation and recycling of the paint, and site training, will be provided by the PaintCare program. PaintCare also promotes sites to the local community.

**To become a drop-off site, fill out the interest form www.paintcare.org/drop-off-site-interest-form/ or scan the code.**

## Requirements of Retailers

### 1. Check Registered Manufacturers and Brands

Paint manufacturers must register their company with PaintCare, and they must register all architectural paint brands they sell in the state. Retailers may not sell architectural paints in New York that are not registered. PaintCare publishes lists of registered manufacturers and brands so that retailers can check to see that the products they sell are registered. Please visit www.paintcare.org/manufacturers for current registration lists.

### 2. Pass on the PaintCare Fee

State law requires that a stewardship fee (PaintCare fee) is applied by manufacturers to the wholesale price of all architectural paint sold in store and online in New York. This fee funds all aspects of running the program. The fee is remitted by manufacturers to PaintCare. Manufacturers then pass the fee to their dealers and retailers, who add it to the wholesale price of covered products. Retailers should see the PaintCare fee on invoices from suppliers. The law also requires that retailers and distributors include the fee in the price of architectural paint they sell in store and online. The fee paid by customers to retailers offsets the fee charged to the retailers. This ensures a level playing field for all parties.

**Fee ranges vary by container size:**

| $0.00 | $0.45 | $0.95 | $1.95 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half pint or smaller | Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon | 1–2 gallons | Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons |

The PaintCare fee is not a tax; it does not go to the state. The PaintCare fee is not a deposit; customers don't get it back when dropping off paint.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### How is the fee calculated?

The fee is set to cover the cost of a fully operating program. PaintCare estimated the annual program expenses and sales of architectural paint in New York and determined a fee structure that will provide the revenue needed to fund the program. PaintCare is a nonprofit organization and operates programs on a state-by-state basis, so the fee may increase or decrease in the future and is different from state to state.

### Is sales tax applied to the fee itself?

Yes. The fee is part of the purchase price; therefore, sales tax is collected on the fee. The fee itself is not a tax.

### Is the fee a deposit to be returned to customers?

**The fee is not a deposit.** The fee is used entirely to cover the expenses of running the program. The fee is not given back as a deposit for dropping off covered products or empty paint cans (empty cans are not accepted by the PaintCare program).

### Are we required to show the fee on receipts?

While it's not required, PaintCare encourages retailers to list the PaintCare fee on purchase receipts to aid in consumer education, and most stores do so. Most states have enacted price accuracy statutes that govern the nature of pricing information that must be disclosed to consumers. Retailers should be mindful that regulators in some states may view their state's laws as requiring retailers to incorporate the PaintCare fee in the product price displayed to consumers, regardless of whether a retailer chooses to break the PaintCare fee out separately on purchase receipts. For more information, visit www.paintcare.org/pricinglaws.

### Do we refund the fee if a product is returned?

Yes, the fee should be refunded because it is part of the purchase price.

### How does the public know about the fee?

PaintCare provides printed materials for retailers to distribute to the public to help explain the purpose of the fee, how the program works, and how to find a paint drop-off site. Translated materials are available in Spanish and over two dozen other languages, provided upon request. Additional materials can be ordered as needed for no charge. In addition to retailers, PaintCare works with contractor associations to inform professional painting contractors and conducts general outreach campaigns that may include digital and online advertising, direct mail, newspaper, radio, and television.

### What products are covered?

PaintCare sites accept house paint as well as primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings, such as shellac and varnish. All products must be in their original, labeled containers (no larger than five gallons) and must be covered with a secure lid. Certain products are not accepted. Review the list of accepted products at www.paintcare.org/products.


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# THE PAINTCARE FEE

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## Fee and Funding

Paint stewardship laws require retailers to add a fee to architectural paint products and make sure they are not selling unregistered brands of architectural paint. The fee is applied to the purchase price of each container of architectural paint sold. It funds all aspects of the PaintCare program including collection, transportation, and processing of unused postconsumer (leftover) architectural paint, public education about proper paint management, and administrative costs.

The fee is paid to PaintCare by paint manufacturers. This fee is then added to the wholesale and retail purchase price of paint, passing the cost of managing postconsumer paint to everyone who purchases paint. This reduces local and state government costs for paint management and provides funding for a more convenient, statewide paint management program.

**Fee ranges vary by container size and by state:**



**$0.30–$0.65**

Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon



**$0.65–$1.45**

1–2 gallons



**$1.50–$2.75**

Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons

The PaintCare fee is not a tax; it does not go to the state. The PaintCare fee is not a deposit; customers don't get it back when dropping off paint. Find all fees at www.paintcare.org/fee.

### Setting the Fee

When a new program starts, the fee is set to cover the cost of a fully implemented program. PaintCare estimates annual sales of paint in each state and then divides the cost of the program in that state by the number of containers sold in that state. Next, the fee is adjusted based on container size by taking into consideration the typical percentage of unused paint for each size (e.g., the percentage of unused paint from one 5-gallon container is typically less than from five 1-gallon containers).

PaintCare is a nonprofit organization, so the fee may be decreased if set at a level beyond what is needed to cover program expenses. Likewise, the fee may be increased if PaintCare does not collect enough revenue to cover the costs to operate the state program.

### Passing on the Fee

Each state or jurisdiction's law requires retailers to pass on the fee to consumers, ensuring a level playing field for all parties. This requirement includes paint sold online on any e-commerce websites.

### Recommendations for Painting Contractors

When estimating jobs, painting contractors should take the PaintCare fee into account by checking with suppliers to make sure their quotes for paint products include the fee. PaintCare suggests that painting contractors pass on the fee to customers in order to recoup the fee they pay. Tell customers that quotes include the fee which funds the recycling program they can use.



## Common Questions

### Are retailers required to show the fee on receipts?

While it's not required, PaintCare encourages retailers to list the PaintCare fee on purchase receipts to aid in consumer education, and most stores do so. Most states have enacted price accuracy statutes that govern the nature of pricing information that must be disclosed to consumers. Retailers should be mindful that regulators in some states may view their state's laws as requiring retailers to incorporate the PaintCare fee in the product price displayed to consumers, regardless of whether a retailer chooses to break the PaintCare fee out separately on purchase receipts. For more information, visit www.paintcare.org/pricinglaws.

### Is the fee taxable?

Yes, the fee is part of the purchase price of paint. Sales tax is collected on the fee in most cases, except in Oregon, a state that does not have a sales tax, and Maine, per supplemental legislation.

### Is the fee to be applied to paint sold to customers who are exempt from sales tax?

Yes, government agencies and other organizations that are exempt from sales tax in PaintCare States must still pay the fee, because it is part of the price of paint. However, the fee, like the rest of the product price, should not be taxed for sales tax-exempt organizations.

### Do retailers return the fee if someone returns a product?

Yes. The fee should be returned as part of the purchase price.

### How does the public know about the fee?

PaintCare provides public education materials to retailers. These materials explain the purpose of the fee, where to take paint for recycling, and other information about the program. When a new state program begins, PaintCare mails a package of materials to retailers. As needed, retailers may order additional free materials from PaintCare at any time. In addition to retailer information, PaintCare works with contractor associations to provide information to trade painters and conducts general outreach including newspaper, radio, television, and online advertising.

### How do we as retailers know what products to put the fee on?

Suppliers' invoices should indicate that you are being charged the fee, so you simply pass on the fee for those items. Additionally, PaintCare and each state's oversight agency list all architectural paint manufacturers and brands that are registered for the program on their websites. Retailers may not sell brands that are not registered with the program. If your store sells architectural coatings that are not on the list of registered products, please notify PaintCare so we can contact the manufacturer to get them registered.

### What products are covered?

The products accepted at PaintCare drop-off sites are the same products that have a fee when they are sold. PaintCare sites accept house paint as well as primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings, such as shellac and varnish. All products must be in their original, labeled containers (no larger than 5 gallons) and must be covered with a secure lid. Certain products are not accepted. Review the list of accepted products at www.paintcare.org/products.

### For New Programs: Do we apply the fee to sales on the first day of the program for inventory purchased before the first day of the program, even though we didn't pay a fee for the product to the distributor or manufacturer?

Yes, retailers must add the fee on all covered products sold on or after the first day of the program, regardless of when (before or after program launch) they were purchased from the distributor or manufacturer.

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# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS

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**To become a drop-off site, fill out the interest form: www.paintcare.org/drop-off-site-interest-form/.**

## Benefits for PaintCare Drop-Off Sites

- Transportation and recycling costs of accepted products are paid by PaintCare
- Recycling leftover paint is more convenient for customers
- Help relieve local government of their cost of managing leftover paint
- Conserve resources, keep paint out of the solid waste stream, and prevent the improper disposal of paint
- Optional: offer paint in good condition for reuse and receive reimbursement: www.paintcare.org/paintshare

## 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
- 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

## PaintCare Provides

- Reusable paint collection bins
- 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)
- Compensation for value-added services including paint reuse programs and bulking of oil-based paint

## Common Questions

### Will becoming a PaintCare drop-off site require operational changes?

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

### How do billing and payments work?

In the most common scenario, when your site ships out PaintCare products, the transporter sends PaintCare an invoice directly. This avoids the need for reimbursement. If your site also contracts with PaintCare for value-added services such as paint reuse, your program sends an invoice to PaintCare for reimbursement.

### What products are covered?

PaintCare sites accept house paint as well as primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings, such as shellac and varnish. All products must be in their original, labeled containers (no larger than five gallons) and must be covered with a secure lid. Certain products are not accepted. Review the list of accepted products at www.paintcare.org/products.

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# SOLID WASTE FACILITIES INCLUDING TRANSFER STATIONS, RECYCLING CENTERS, AND LANDFILLS

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## Drop-Off Site Responsibilities

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- 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
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- Reusable paint collection bins
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### How can PaintCare benefit Solid Waste Facilities?

Solid waste facilities that generate leftover paint but are not PaintCare drop-off sites can use PaintCare's drop-off sites or free pickup service for 100+ gallons of paint.

### What products are covered?

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# JOINT OUTREACH PROJECTS

*for government agencies partnering with PaintCare*

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If you are a local government that has partnered with PaintCare, we offer limited funding support for outreach activities that promote the PaintCare program. We are most interested in partnering with you when setting up new PaintCare sites, where participation is low, or to promote one-day household hazardous waste events to boost the amount of paint collected. We support costs for radio, newspaper, social media, and direct mail, and will consider other media.

## Joint Outreach Application Process

Project budgets and all creative work must be reviewed and approved by PaintCare. Creative work includes text, images, and scripts. All projects must include PaintCare's website address and logo and mention that other PaintCare drop-off sites can be found at www.paintcare.org. Please complete our Proposal Form for Joint Outreach Projects on the Waste Facilities page at www.paintcare.org/waste-facilities or email smeteer@paint.org with questions. PaintCare can provide artwork and photos you can use for creating drafts.

### Your Responsibilities

At the start of each project, we request that you provide PaintCare with draft text, dimensions and/or specs, and due dates for the materials.

- **Brochures & Postcards:** You are responsible for sending artwork files to your printer, coordinating mailings, and distribution. After the project is completed, we request a description of how, when, and where the piece was distributed and an electronic copy of the final piece.
- **Newspaper:** You are responsible for scheduling and sending artwork files to the newspaper. After the project is completed, we request a list of run dates for each newspaper and a scan of each ad.
- **Radio:** You are responsible for providing the pre-approved scripts to the stations and handling scheduling. After the project is completed, we request you provide text of the final script with a list of run dates and times.
- **Digital Media & Other:** We are open to other types of projects such as digital advertising and social media campaigns, as well as other forms of outreach. Please coordinate details in advance and send PaintCare supporting documentation along with your invoice so we have a record of the projects and examples to show others.

## Design Assistance

PaintCare can assist with basic layout and graphic design for print and digital projects. When we provide this type of assistance, we will provide electronic files for you to send for printing or ad placement. Other than editing and commenting on scripts, we do not provide in-house assistance with audio or video production. Please allow plenty of time for project planning, approvals, and editing. Depending on the time of year, this may take 4–8 weeks.

## Reimbursement

PaintCare provides reimbursements for approved projects only. We do not provide money up front, pay vendors directly, or accept requests for reimbursements on projects that have already been completed. Generally, PaintCare will reimburse costs for approved projects proportional to the amount of the project dedicated to PaintCare information. Funding amounts may also differ depending on available resources and our other outreach taking place in your area.

To be reimbursed after the project is completed, send an invoice from your government agency, samples of final pieces, and copies of invoices from your vendors to paintcare@bill.com and copy Stacy Meteer at smeteer@paint.org. The "To:" space on the invoice should be addressed to PaintCare, 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 300 West, Washington DC, 20001. In the space for purchase orders please write "6369 Communications: Other, Joint Projects – *[INSERT YOUR STATE]*."

For more information, visit www.paintcare.org.

# REUSE PROGRAMS

*Compensation and Reporting*

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PaintCare encourages household hazardous waste programs (i.e., swap shops or exchanges) and reuse stores to operate paint reuse programs. Reuse programs return good quality, unused paint to the local community at low or no cost. Reuse is a preferred method of waste management. To encourage reuse, PaintCare will compensate paint drop-off sites operating a reuse program under a contract with PaintCare.

## Operating a Reuse Program

Any PaintCare products (qualifying paint, stain, and varnish as defined by PaintCare – please see www.paintcare.org/products) that are distributed through reuse programs must be in their original container, have an original label, and be in good physical and aesthetic condition. Contents must be liquid and relatively new. Containers should be closed securely before being placed in the reuse storage area.

Customers must sign a waiver form explaining that the paint is taken "as-is" with no guarantee of quality or contents. The customer is required to read, complete, and sign the form, and site staff members are required to verify and record what has been taken by the customer. If a reuse facility does not use a waiver form, the facility accepts the liability for the materials. The staff must record the number of containers taken by each participant and the total estimated volume on the log.




*Reuse room at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Yolo County Central Landfill in Woodland, CA.*

## Track and Report by Volume (gallons)

- Containers may contain any amount of paint in them
- Sites must determine and report total gallons of latex paint and total gallons of oil-based paint distributed for reuse
- Compensation is provided at $1.60 per gallon

The site must track and report the actual volume of paint in the containers using an internal methodology (e.g., weigh the cans on a scale, estimate weight by hand, do visual inspection). The methodology must be provided to PaintCare upon request.

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# Appendix D

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# 2025 Annual Survey Results

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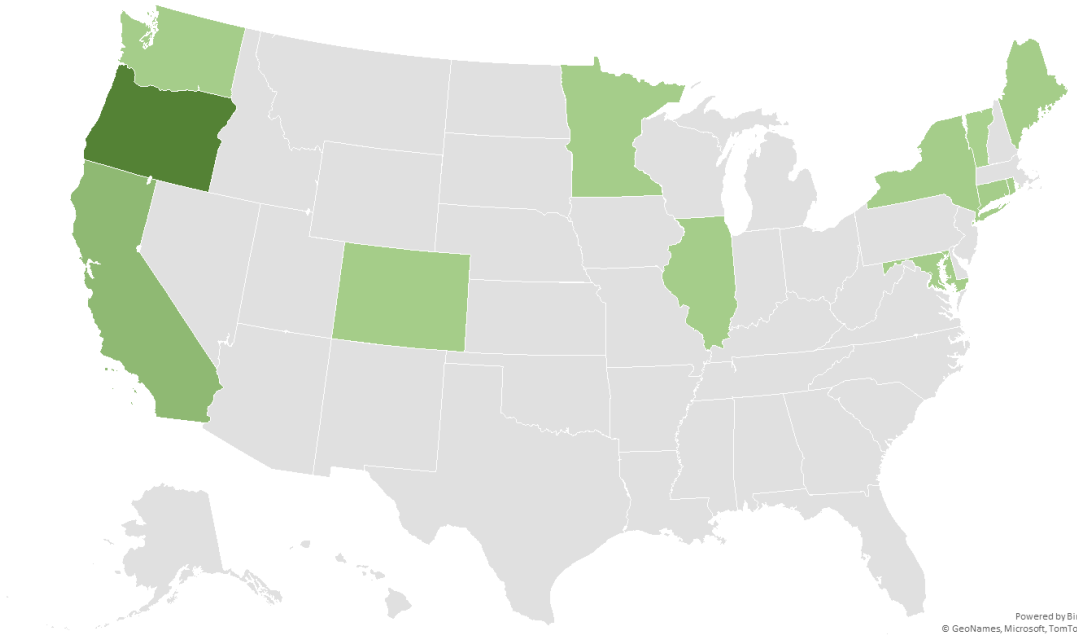
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# Response Summary

- 4,773 surveys were conducted in 12 states plus the District of Columbia in September-October 2025.
- 4,406 completed the entire survey. These respondents were used for the analysis presented herein.
- Panel research methodologies were applied to attain a representative distribution of results by gender, age, ethnicity, and income.
- Surveyed consumers were all over the age of 18.



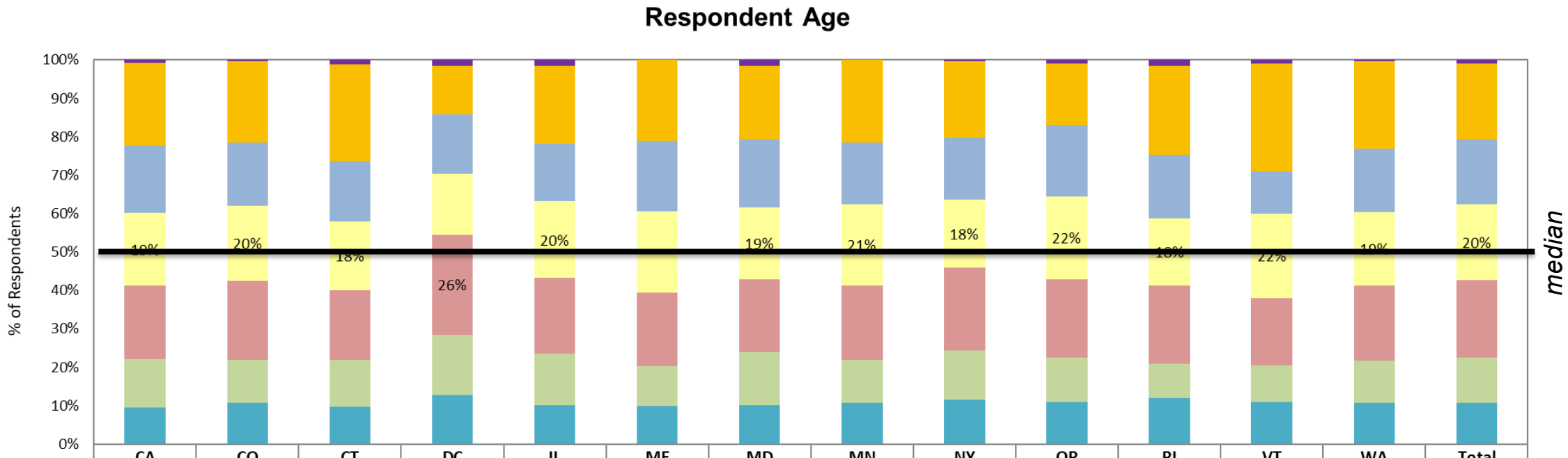

| | Total Surveys | Partial Surveys | Full Surveys | Margin of Error* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| California | 582 | 81 | 501 | +/-3% |
| Colorado | 283 | 33 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Connecticut | 255 | 5 | 250 | +/-5% |
| District of Columbia (DC) | 276 | 23 | 253 | +/-5% |
| Illinois | 273 | 23 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Maine | 270 | 19 | 251 | +/-5% |
| Maryland | 276 | 26 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Minnesota | 270 | 20 | 250 | +/-5% |
| New York | 273 | 23 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Oregon | 1272 | 71 | 1201 | +/-2% |
| Rhode Island | 266 | 16 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Vermont | 213 | 13 | 200 | +/-6% |
| Washington | 264 | 14 | 250 | +/-5% |
| Total | 4773 | 367 | 4406 | |

**at a 90% level of confidence*

# RESPONDENT PROFILES

# Profile of Respondents - Age

- A good mix of age ranges was represented in each state's/district's sample.
- The median age was 41-50 overall in all states; 31-40, in the District of Columbia (as was the case last period).
- Variances can be attributed to state/district characteristics and sample availability.



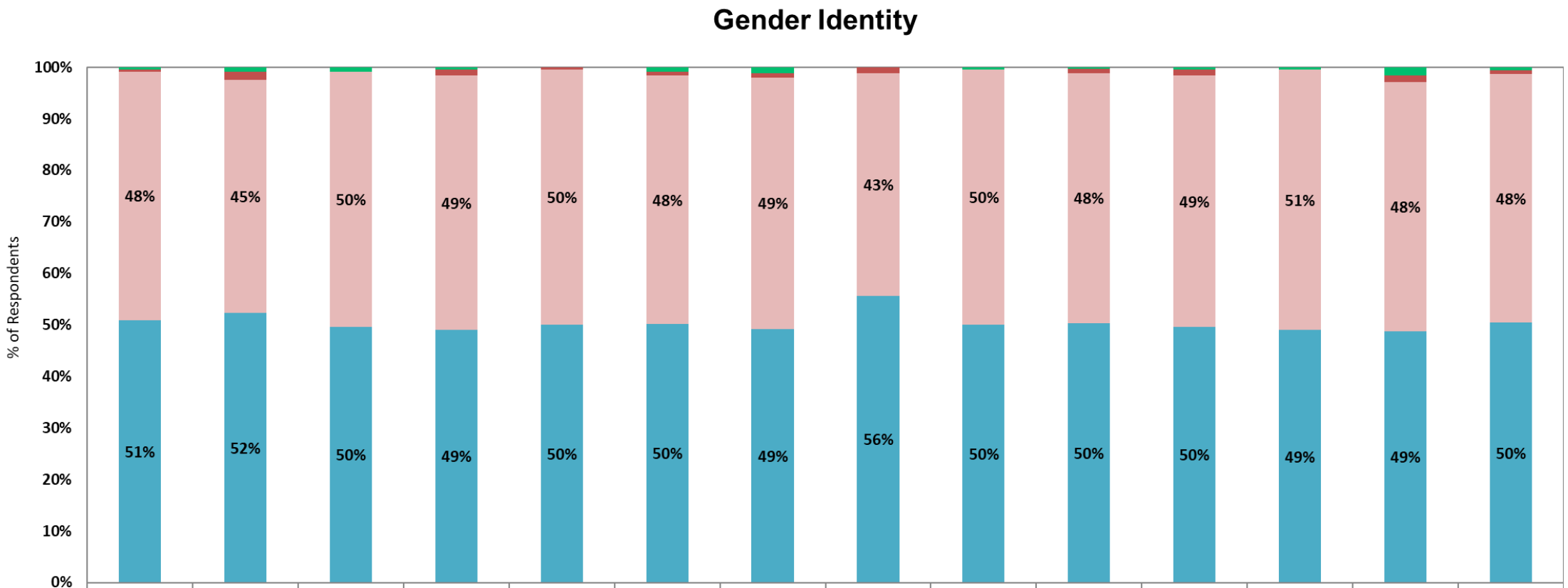

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| I prefer not to answer | 1% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| 61+ | 22% | 21% | 25% | 13% | 20% | 21% | 19% | 22% | 20% | 16% | 23% | 28% | 23% | 20% |
| 51-60 | 18% | 16% | 16% | 15% | 15% | 18% | 18% | 16% | 16% | 18% | 16% | 11% | 16% | 17% |
| 41-50 | 19% | 20% | 18% | 16% | 20% | 21% | 19% | 21% | 18% | 22% | 18% | 22% | 19% | 20% |
| 31-40 | 19% | 20% | 18% | 26% | 20% | 19% | 19% | 19% | 22% | 20% | 20% | 18% | 20% | 20% |
| 25-30 | 13% | 11% | 12% | 16% | 14% | 10% | 14% | 11% | 13% | 12% | 9% | 10% | 11% | 12% |
| 18-24 | 10% | 11% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 11% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 11% |



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# Profile of Respondents - Gender

- The respondent base was fairly evenly split between men and women in each state/the district.
- Small variances can be attributed to sample availability.



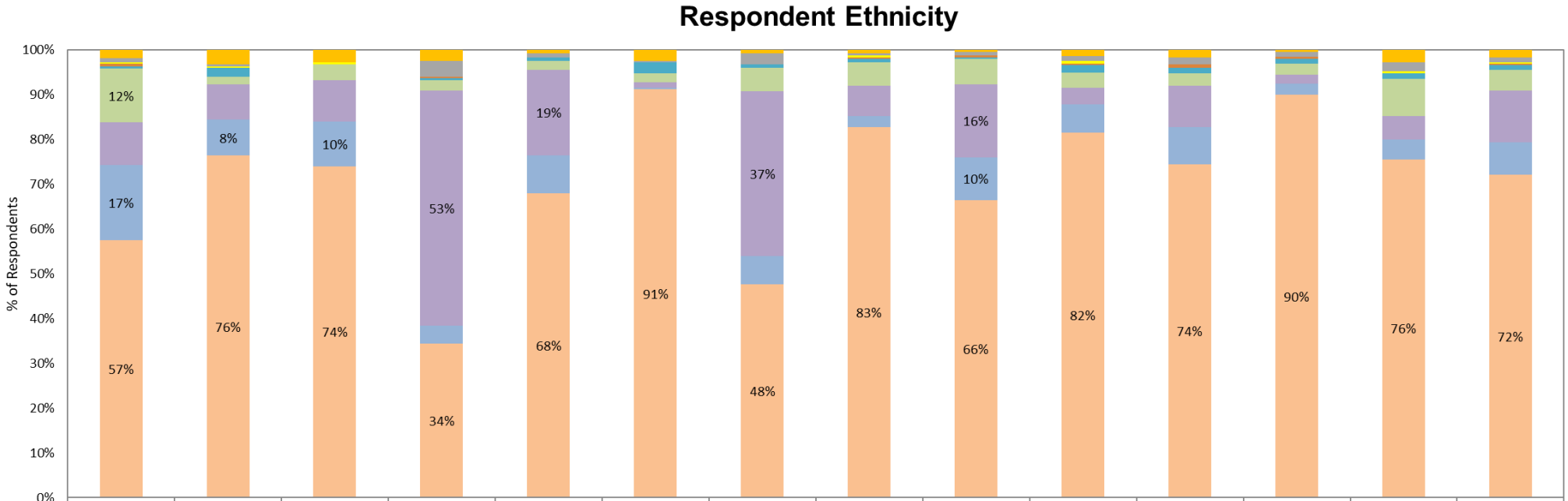

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| I prefer not to answer | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Non-binary/other | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Woman | 48% | 45% | 50% | 49% | 50% | 48% | 49% | 43% | 50% | 48% | 49% | 51% | 48% | 48% |
| Man | 51% | 52% | 50% | 49% | 50% | 50% | 49% | 56% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 49% | 49% | 50% |



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# Profile of Respondents - Ethnicity

- 72% of all respondents identified themselves as white (the same as in last period).
- However, there were variances within states/the district. Consistent with census data, D.C. and Maryland had the highest proportion of Black/African American respondents; California, Hispanic/Latino and Asian respondents; Vermont/Maine, white respondents.




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other* | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| I prefer not to answer | 1% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Some other race, ethnicity or origin | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Middle Eastern or North African | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Asian | 12% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 8% | 5% |
| Black or African American | 10% | 8% | 9% | 53% | 19% | 1% | 37% | 7% | 16% | 4% | 9% | 2% | 5% | 12% |
| Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin | 17% | 8% | 10% | 4% | 8% | 0% | 6% | 2% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 3% | 4% | 7% |
| White | 57% | 76% | 74% | 34% | 68% | 91% | 48% | 83% | 66% | 82% | 74% | 90% | 76% | 72% |

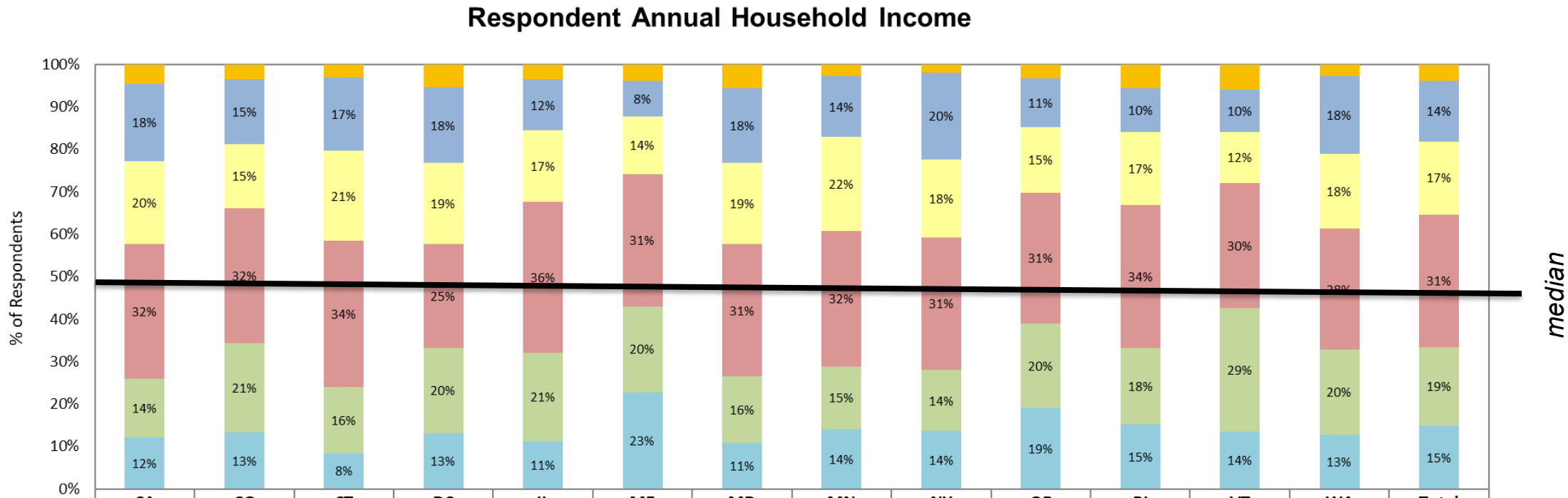
**Other Ethnicities: Bi-Racial/Mixed Race, Eurasian, Greek, European American, Irish, Bantu, American, Human, Jewish, Native American, Italian, Hungarian*



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# Profile of Respondents - Income

- The median household income level for respondents in each state/district was $50-99K per year.



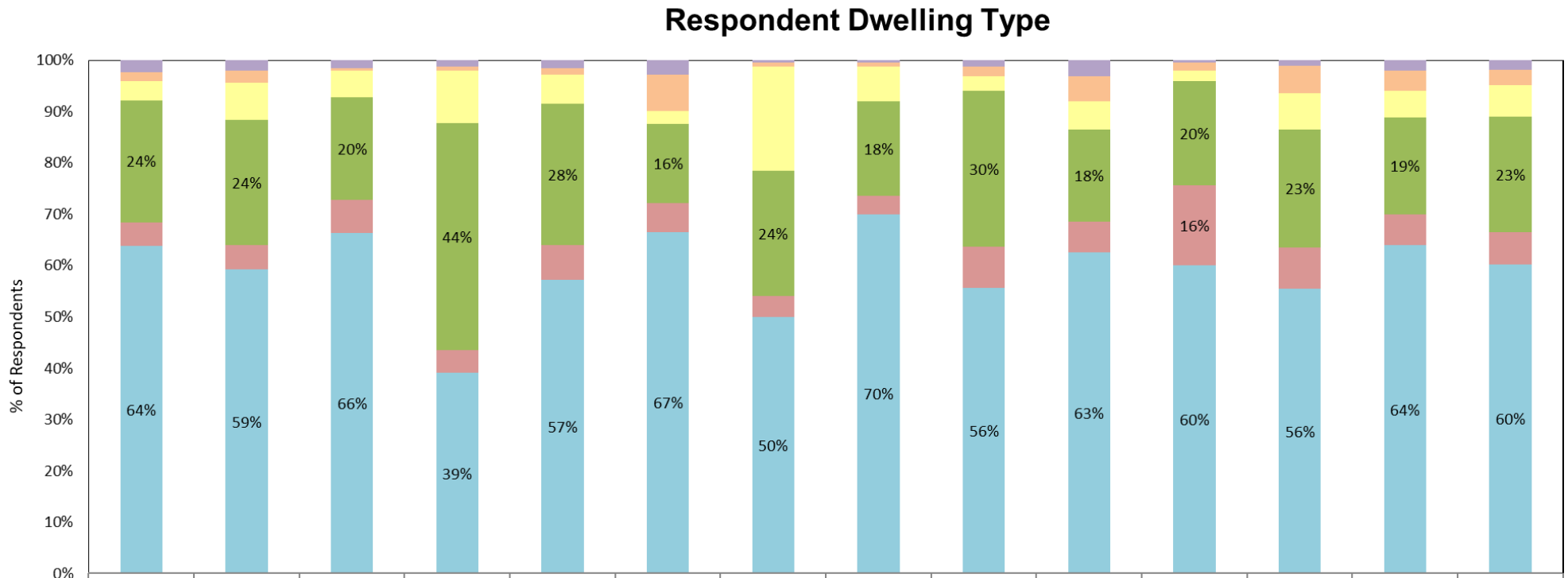

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I prefer not to answer | 5% | 4% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 3% | 4% |
| More than $150,000 | 18% | 15% | 17% | 18% | 12% | 8% | 18% | 14% | 20% | 11% | 10% | 10% | 18% | 14% |
| $100,000 to $149,000 | 20% | 15% | 21% | 19% | 17% | 14% | 19% | 22% | 18% | 15% | 17% | 12% | 18% | 17% |
| $50,000 to $99,999 | 32% | 32% | 34% | 25% | 36% | 31% | 31% | 32% | 31% | 31% | 34% | 30% | 28% | 31% |
| $25,000 to $49,999 | 14% | 21% | 16% | 20% | 21% | 20% | 16% | 15% | 14% | 20% | 18% | 29% | 20% | 19% |
| $24,999 or less | 12% | 13% | 8% | 13% | 11% | 23% | 11% | 14% | 14% | 19% | 15% | 14% | 13% | 15% |



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# Profile of Respondents – Dwelling Type

- 60% of respondents live in a single-family home (the same as last period).
- Condominium/apartment living was more predominant in D.C. and New York.




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other* | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 3% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% |
| Mobile Home | 2% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 7% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 5% | 2% | 6% | 4% | 3% |
| Townhome | 4% | 7% | 5% | 10% | 6% | 2% | 20% | 7% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 7% | 5% | 6% |
| Condominium or Apartment Building | 24% | 24% | 20% | 44% | 28% | 16% | 24% | 18% | 30% | 18% | 20% | 23% | 19% | 23% |
| Two or Three-Family House | 5% | 5% | 6% | 4% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 8% | 6% | 16% | 8% | 6% | 6% |
| Single-Family House | 64% | 59% | 66% | 39% | 57% | 67% | 50% | 70% | 56% | 63% | 60% | 56% | 64% | 60% |

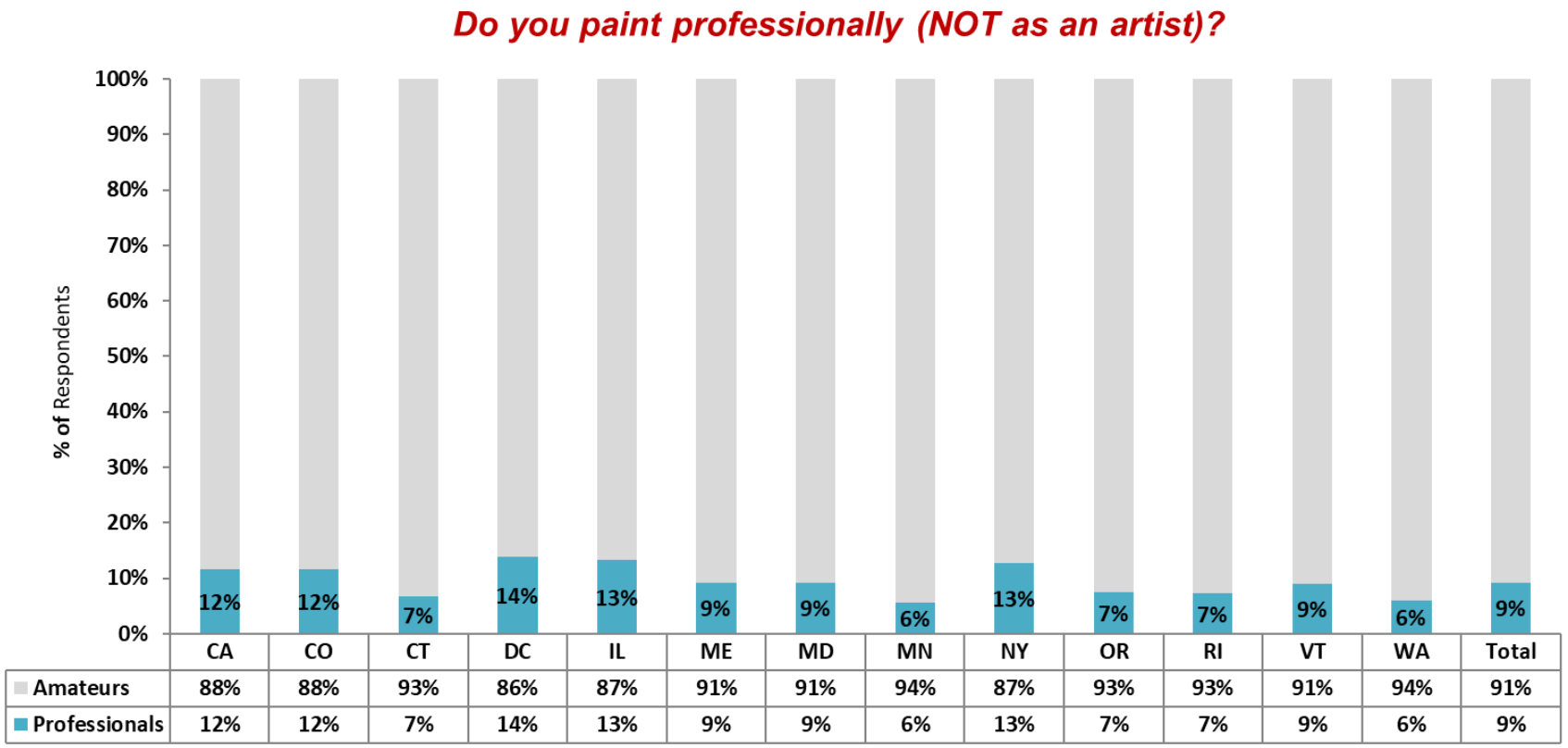
**Other Dwelling Types: assisted living / nursing home, boat, cabin, camper, communal living, converted bus, dorm, duplex, group home, homeless shelter, garage, motel, motor home, rented room, tent, trailer, with parents/friends*



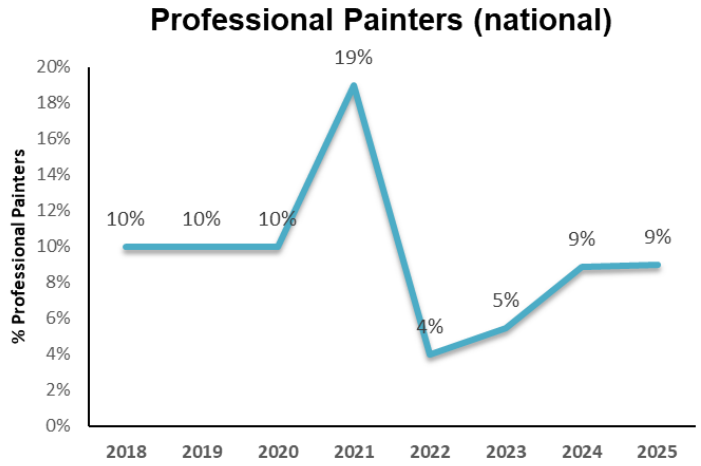
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# Profile of Respondents – Paint-Related Professions

- 9% of all respondents identified as professional painters, the same as last year.
- The greatest percentages of professional painters were in D.C., Illinois and New York.




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amateurs | 88% | 88% | 93% | 86% | 87% | 91% | 91% | 94% | 87% | 93% | 93% | 91% | 94% | 91% |
| Professionals | 12% | 12% | 7% | 14% | 13% | 9% | 9% | 6% | 13% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 9% |

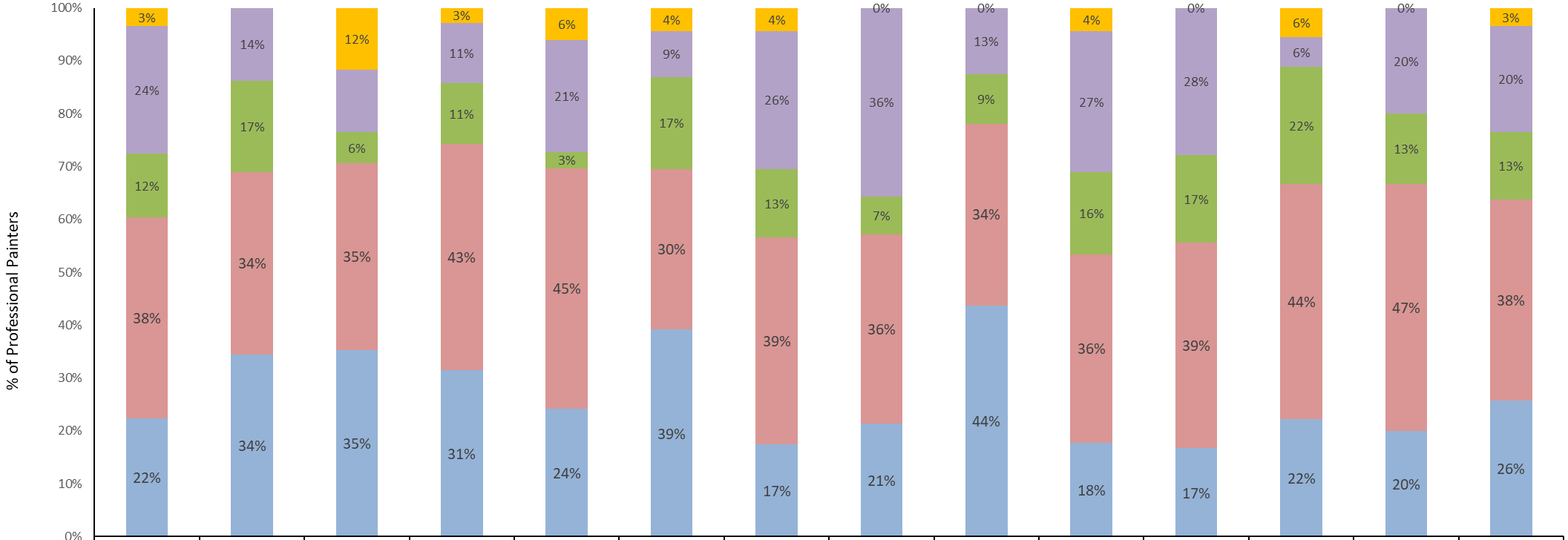



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# Profile of Respondents – Painter Types

- Professional painter respondents were mostly general contractors (38%) and painting contractors (26%).
- Results varied by state/district. For example, respondents were more commonly general contractors in Washington and Illinois; handymen, in Minnesota and Rhode Island; painting contractors, in New York and Maine.

***What type of professional painter are you?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other* | 3% | 0% | 12% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 0% | 3% |
| Handyman | 24% | 14% | 12% | 11% | 21% | 9% | 26% | 36% | 13% | 27% | 28% | 6% | 20% | 20% |
| Property maintenance crew | 12% | 17% | 6% | 11% | 3% | 17% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 16% | 17% | 22% | 13% | 13% |
| General contractor | 38% | 34% | 35% | 43% | 45% | 30% | 39% | 36% | 34% | 36% | 39% | 44% | 47% | 38% |
| Painting contractor | 22% | 34% | 35% | 31% | 24% | 39% | 17% | 21% | 44% | 18% | 17% | 22% | 20% | 26% |

**Other Professions: artist, commercial contract painter*

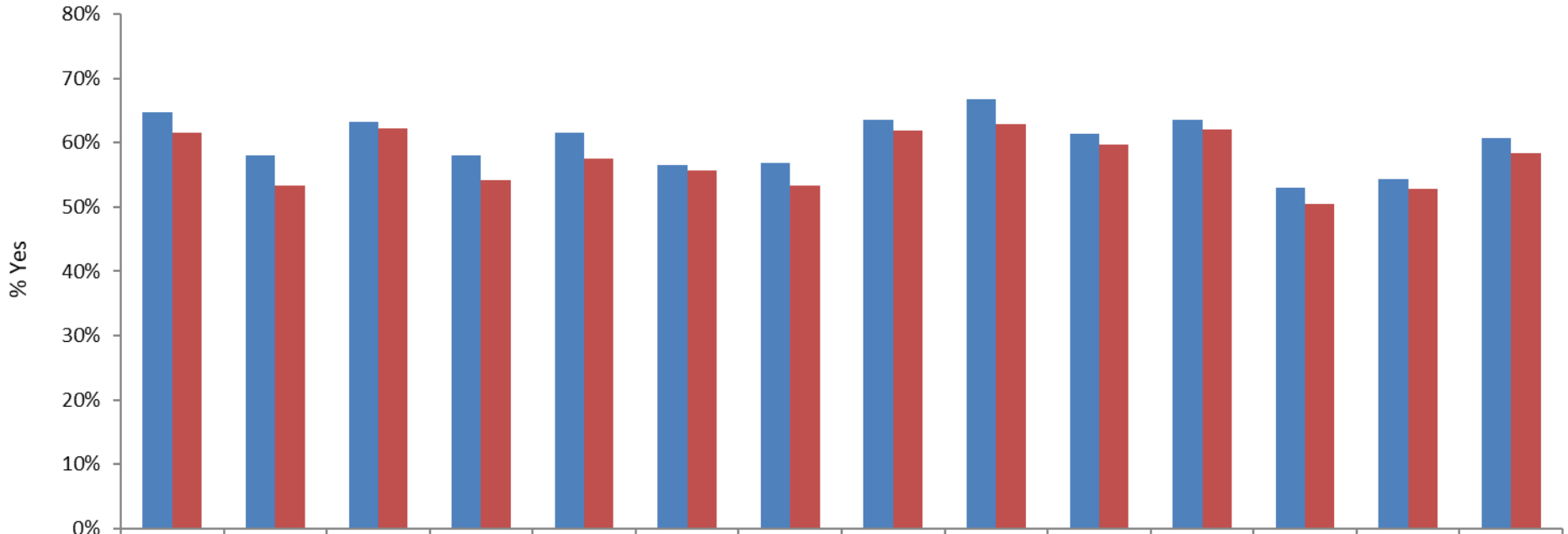
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# SOURCE REDUCTION BEHAVIORS

# Recency of Paint Purchases

- More than half of respondents bought paint in the last year, both overall (61%) and among the subset of non-professionals (58%).
- The gap between all respondents (blue) and non-professional painters (red) can be explained by the fact that 85% of professional painters nationally bought paint in the past, driving the overall average up.
- *Note: data is not shown for professional painters in individual states/the district due to low sample sizes.*

***Have you purchased paint in the last year?***
***(primer, interior or exterior house paint, stain, deck sealer, and clear finishes like varnish)***

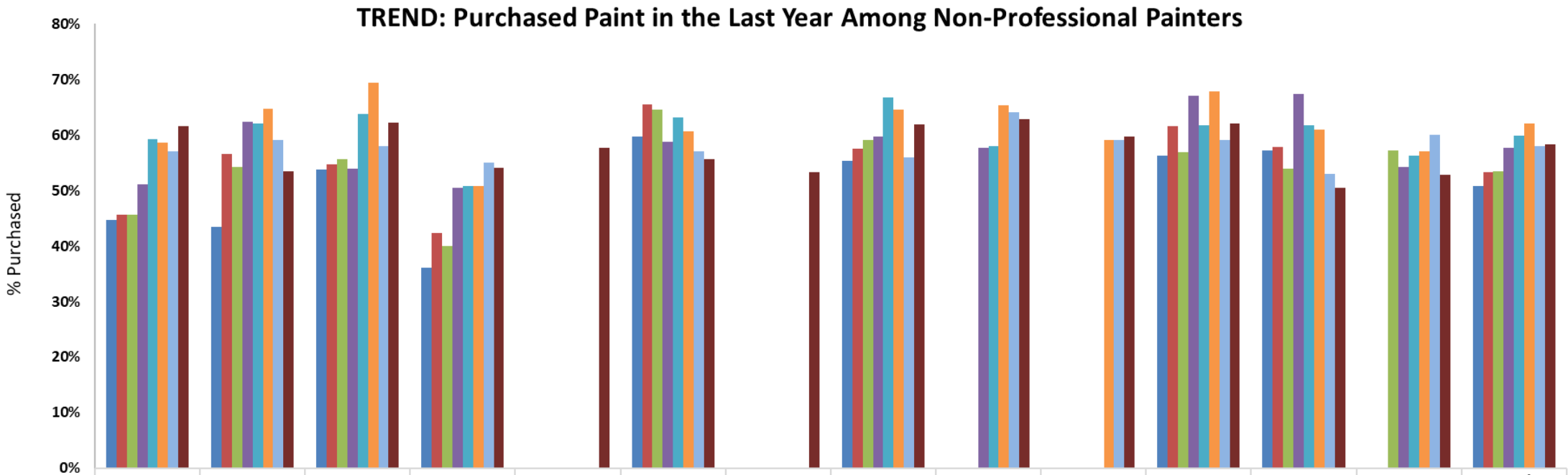



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 65% | 58% | 63% | 58% | 62% | 57% | 57% | 64% | 67% | 61% | 64% | 53% | 54% | 61% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 62% | 53% | 62% | 54% | 58% | 56% | 53% | 62% | 63% | 60% | 62% | 51% | 53% | 58% |

*N=CA 501; CO 250; CT 250; DC 253; IL 250; ME 251; MD 250; MN 250; NY 250; OR 1201; RI 250; VT 200, WA 250; TOTAL 4406*

# TREND: Recency of Paint Purchases Among End Consumers

- Purchase recency trend data are shown as a percentage of non-professionals (end-consumers).
- Overall, paint purchases stayed about the same in 2025 as in 2024 among non-professionals.
- However, results varied by state/district. For example, paint purchases increased in California and Minnesota while dipping in Washington and Colorado.




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 45% | 44% | 54% | 36% | | 60% | | 55% | | | 56% | 57% | | 51% |
| 2019 | 46% | 57% | 55% | 42% | | 66% | | 57% | | | 62% | 58% | | 53% |
| 2020 | 46% | 54% | 56% | 40% | | 65% | | 59% | | | 57% | 54% | 57% | 53% |
| 2021 | 51% | 62% | 54% | 51% | | 59% | | 60% | 58% | | 67% | 67% | 54% | 58% |
| 2022 | 59% | 62% | 64% | 51% | | 63% | | 67% | 58% | | 62% | 62% | 56% | 60% |
| 2023 | 59% | 65% | 69% | 51% | | 61% | | 64% | 65% | 59% | 68% | 61% | 57% | 62% |
| 2024 | 57% | 59% | 58% | 55% | | 57% | | 56% | 64% | 59% | 59% | 53% | 60% | 58% |
| 2025 | 62% | 53% | 62% | 54% | 58% | 56% | 53% | 62% | 63% | 60% | 62% | 51% | 53% | 58% |

# Determination of Paint Quantity Needs

- Across all states/the district, the most common methods respondents used to determine the amount of paint to buy were taking measurements of the project area themselves and asking a salesperson for assistance.
- These are the same top two methods identified in prior years.

***How did you determine right amount of paint to buy? (Select all that apply)***

| Method | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Took measurements of project area and estimated myself | 36% | 45% | 37% | 39% | 38% | 44% | 42% | 48% | 35% | 50% | 33% | 46% | 39% | 42% |
| Asked a salesperson for assistance with calculating | 50% | 37% | 36% | 51% | 41% | 31% | 39% | 33% | 38% | 34% | 42% | 31% | 35% | 38% |
| Followed instructions on the label | 26% | 24% | 24% | 34% | 32% | 20% | 29% | 26% | 29% | 23% | 18% | 21% | 21% | 25% |
| Looked up recommendations online | 29% | 22% | 20% | 37% | 29% | 20% | 25% | 20% | 34% | 22% | 18% | 19% | 25% | 24% |
| Used a web-based "paint calculator" tool that helps you figure out the right amount | 23% | 25% | 16% | 28% | 22% | 13% | 25% | 11% | 23% | 18% | 12% | 15% | 23% | 20% |
| Other* | 4% | 6% | 8% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 5% |
| None of the above | 4% | 6% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 4% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents

**Other – Past experience, asked someone else, contractor purchased, estimated/approximated, guessed, bought a can at a time*



*N=CA 324; CO 145; CT 158; DC 147; IL 154; ME 142; MD 142; MN 159; NY 167; OR 738; RI 159; VT 106, WA 136; TOTAL 2677*

# Success in Determination of Paint Quantity Needs

- More than half of respondents (55%) said they purchased more paint than they needed for the project.
- About a third (36%) purchased the right amount; the minority, less than they needed (7%).
- Results were fairly consistent across all states/the district.

***When you initially purchased paint did you buy…?***

| Amount | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| More than I needed for the project | 57% | 54% | 52% | 53% | 53% | 55% | 57% | 57% | 57% | 54% | 60% | 56% | 54% | 55% |
| The right amount for the job such that there was little to none leftover | 36% | 39% | 39% | 39% | 38% | 36% | 36% | 30% | 40% | 35% | 34% | 34% | 38% | 36% |
| Less than I needed for the project | 5% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 13% | 3% | 9% | 6% | 9% | 5% | 7% |
| Unsure | 2% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 3% | 1% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents



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# Reasons for Excess Paint Purchases

- The top two reasons for excess paint purchases were to have extra for later touch-ups (61%) and to avoid having to go back out to buy more (53%). These were the top two reasons across all states/the district (highlighted in yellow).
- Overall, 35% wanted to have extra paint for later projects; 25%, for multiple coats.
- 14% said they were unsure how to calculate the right amount.

***Why did you buy more paint than you needed? (Select all that apply)***

| Reason | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I wanted to save some for touch-ups. | 57% | 68% | 60% | 60% | 51% | 57% | 67% | 63% | 58% | 64% | 52% | 66% | 65% | 61% |
| I did not want to run out and then need to get more. | 47% | 61% | 52% | 44% | 68% | 54% | 56% | 61% | 41% | 54% | 55% | 44% | 62% | 53% |
| I wanted to save some for future projects. | 34% | 35% | 38% | 40% | 33% | 34% | 37% | 33% | 29% | 37% | 24% | 34% | 36% | 35% |
| I wanted to account for multiple coats of paint. | 19% | 27% | 22% | 19% | 39% | 33% | 31% | 21% | 18% | 25% | 15% | 36% | 26% | 25% |
| I was unsure how to calculate the right amount. | 17% | 13% | 10% | 19% | 17% | 13% | 20% | 6% | 16% | 12% | 18% | 12% | 18% | 14% |
| It's more cost-effective to buy more. | 13% | 11% | 7% | 17% | 12% | 13% | 11% | 8% | 10% | 15% | 8% | 7% | 9% | 12% |
| Other* | 3% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 4% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents

**Other – anxiety, bought smallest container available, over-estimated, just in case, cost efficiency, to share with someone else*

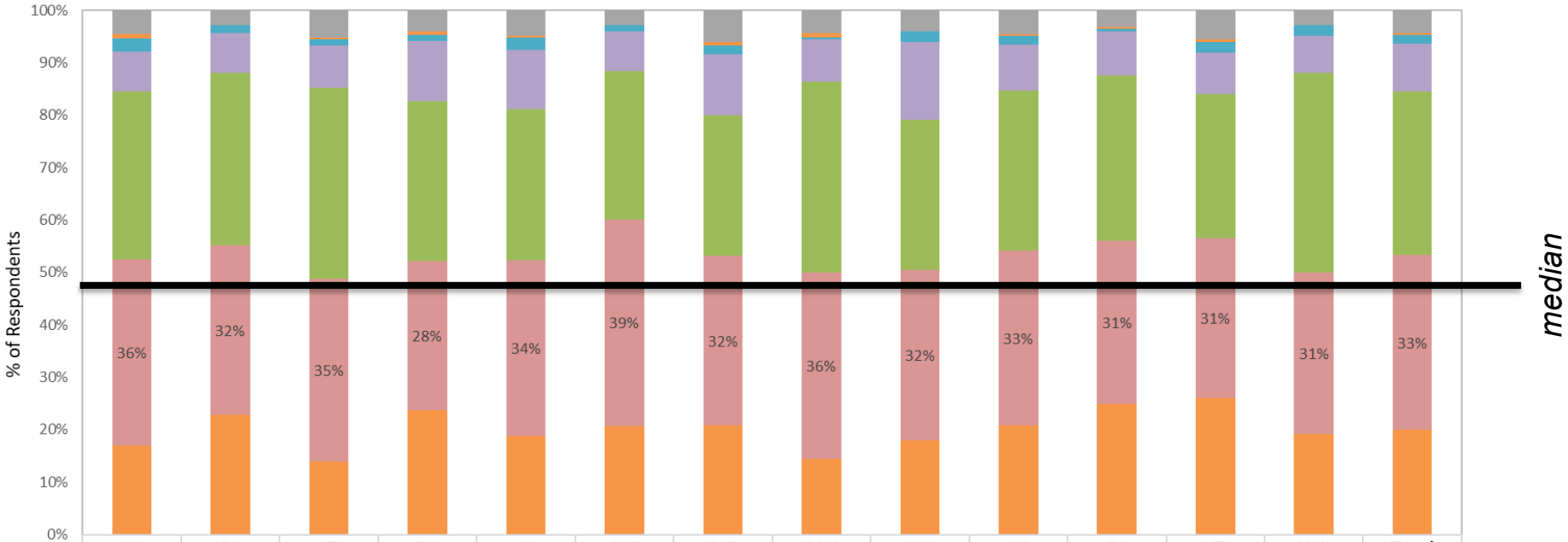


*N=CA 186; CO 79; CT 82; DC 78; IL 82; ME 79; MD 81; MN 90; NY 96; OR 401; RI 95; VT 59, WA 74; TOTAL 1482*

# Leftover Paint Storage

- The median amount of paint stored at home/business was “less than a gallon,” overall and in all states/the district.
- “1 up to 5 gallons” was also a common response.

***How much leftover or unwanted paint do you have in your home or business at this time (e.g., primer, interior/exterior house paint, stain, deck sealer, or clear finishes like varnish)?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I have some paint, but I do not know how much. | 5% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 4% |
| 30 gallons or more | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| 15 up to 30 gallons (would fit in 2 shopping carts) | 3% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| 5 up to 15 gallons (would fit in a shopping cart) | 8% | 8% | 8% | 11% | 11% | 8% | 12% | 8% | 15% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 7% | 9% |
| 1 up to 5 gallons (would fit in a cardboard box) | 32% | 33% | 36% | 30% | 29% | 28% | 27% | 36% | 29% | 30% | 32% | 28% | 38% | 31% |
| Less than 1 gallon | 36% | 32% | 35% | 28% | 34% | 39% | 32% | 36% | 32% | 33% | 31% | 31% | 31% | 33% |
| None | 17% | 23% | 14% | 24% | 19% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 18% | 21% | 25% | 26% | 19% | 20% |

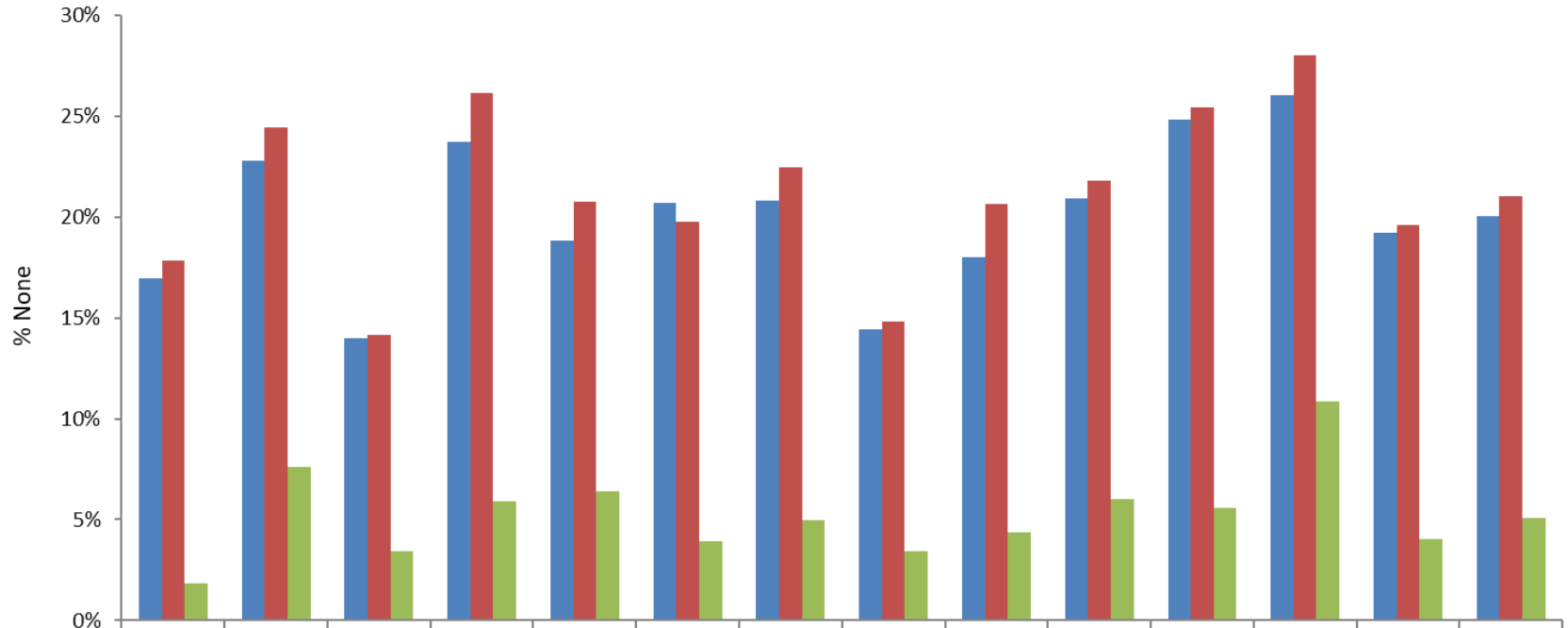


*N=CA 501; CO 250; CT 250; DC 253; IL 250; ME 251; MD 250; MN 250; NY 250; OR 1201; RI 250; VT 200, WA 250; TOTAL 4406*

# Leftover Paint Storage

- To consider the impact of painter type *and* purchase recency, results are shown three ways hereafter: 1) all respondents, 2) non-professionals, and 3) non-professionals who purchased paint in the last year.
- Recency makes a big difference in paint storage. Those who purchased paint in the last year were significantly more likely to be storing paint now. This suggests some delay in disposal after purchase.
- Generally, professional painters were more likely to store paint (90%) than non-professionals (79%)*.

***How much leftover or unwanted paint do you have in your home or business at this time (e.g., primer, interior or exterior house paint, stain, deck sealer, or clear finishes like varnish)?***

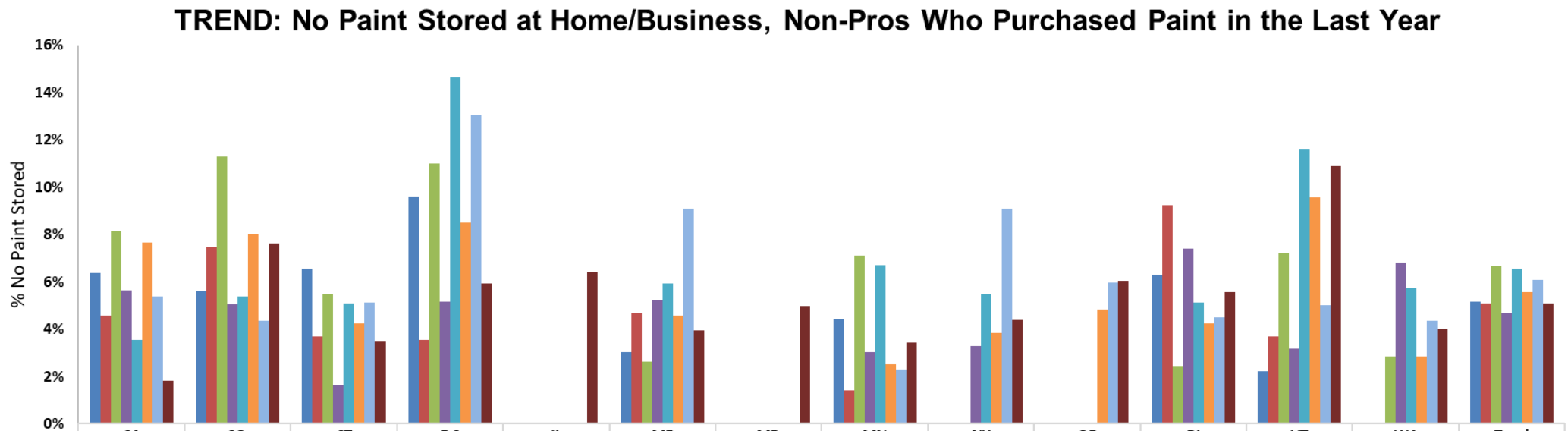



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 17% | 23% | 14% | 24% | 19% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 18% | 21% | 25% | 26% | 19% | 20% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 18% | 24% | 14% | 26% | 21% | 20% | 22% | 15% | 21% | 22% | 25% | 28% | 20% | 21% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 2% | 8% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 11% | 4% | 5% |

**Data is not shown for professional painters in individual states/the district due to low sample sizes.*

# TREND: No Paint Storage, Recent End-Consumer Purchasers

- Once again, all trends are shown as a percentage of non-professionals (end-consumers) who purchased in the last year.
- Overall, a similar percentage of end consumers were not storing paint in 2025 (5%) as they were in 2024 (6%).
- However, results varied by state/district. For example, in Vermont and Colorado, paint storage was lower than last year. At the same time, paint storage increased significantly in California, DC, Maine and New York.




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 6% | 6% | 7% | 10% | | 3% | | 4% | | | 6% | 2% | | 5% |
| 2019 | 5% | 7% | 4% | 4% | | 5% | | 1% | | | 9% | 4% | | 5% |
| 2020 | 8% | 11% | 5% | 11% | | 3% | | 7% | | | 2% | 7% | 3% | 7% |
| 2021 | 6% | 5% | 2% | 5% | | 5% | | 3% | 3% | | 7% | 3% | 7% | 5% |
| 2022 | 4% | 5% | 5% | 15% | | 6% | | 7% | 5% | | 5% | 12% | 6% | 7% |
| 2023 | 8% | 8% | 4% | 9% | | 5% | | 3% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 10% | 3% | 6% |
| 2024 | 5% | 4% | 5% | 13% | | 9% | | 2% | 9% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 6% |
| 2025 | 2% | 8% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 11% | 4% | 5% |

# Reasons for Paint Storage

- The top 2 reasons (highlighted in yellow) that respondents stored paint were the same in all states/the district: leftovers from their own paint jobs or planned excess for touch-ups.
- Results were fairly consistent for all states/the district.

***What is the main reason you have the leftover paint currently in your home/business?***

| Reason | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I did some painting myself and I had some leftover paint when I was done. | 50% | 49% | 52% | 45% | 48% | 62% | 51% | 60% | 50% | 50% | 54% | 61% | 48% | 52% |
| I intentionally bought paint for future touch-ups. | 27% | 24% | 29% | 25% | 27% | 22% | 27% | 23% | 25% | 28% | 24% | 19% | 27% | 26% |
| I hired someone to paint, and they left it behind. | 11% | 13% | 10% | 18% | 15% | 6% | 14% | 7% | 14% | 7% | 11% | 5% | 9% | 10% |
| I found the paint in my home or business when I moved in. | 5% | 8% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 8% | 6% | 5% | 8% | 6% |
| I don't remember where the paint came from. | 1% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Other* | 3% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 2% |
| I am a professional painter or contractor, and it is from one or more of my jobs. | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 4% | 1% | 2% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents

**Other – never finished project, bought more than needed, came with house, for art/projects, someone else's paint being stored, landlord left it, samples from color try-outs, gifted from someone else, leftovers*



*N=CA 416; CO 193; CT 215; DC 193; IL 203; ME 199; MD 199; MN 214; NY 205; OR 951; RI 188; VT 148, WA 202; TOTAL 3526*

# Paint Storage Best Practices Knowledge

- More than half of respondents knew about most best practices (i.e., temperature/humidity control, clean rim, rubber mallet).
- The best practice that the fewest knew about was the use of a paint key to prevent the lid from bending.
- 11% of respondents didn't know any of the best practices listed. Results varied slightly by state/district.

***Which best practices were you aware of before taking this survey? Select all that apply.***

| Best Practice | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keep paint away from freezing temperatures. | 54% | 69% | 69% | 48% | 70% | 75% | 59% | 75% | 54% | 65% | 62% | 66% | 60% | 63% |
| Clean any paint out of the container's rim before putting the lid back on. | 55% | 60% | 66% | 48% | 62% | 63% | 53% | 65% | 59% | 64% | 62% | 62% | 52% | 60% |
| When putting the lid back on the can, tap it with a rubber mallet instead of pounding it with a hammer to prevent the lid from bending. | 54% | 62% | 66% | 49% | 64% | 65% | 52% | 67% | 55% | 64% | 57% | 62% | 58% | 60% |
| Keep paint away from rain or damp locations. | 51% | 53% | 58% | 42% | 57% | 56% | 54% | 55% | 48% | 58% | 56% | 57% | 56% | 55% |
| Use a paint key or paint can opener instead of a screwdriver to prevent the lid from bending. | 41% | 50% | 54% | 38% | 48% | 57% | 38% | 51% | 36% | 54% | 47% | 53% | 40% | 48% |
| None of the above - I didn't know any of these best practices before taking this survey. | 14% | 12% | 7% | 20% | 7% | 8% | 12% | 8% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 12% | 11% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents



*N=CA 501; CO 250; CT 250; DC 253; IL 250; ME 251; MD 250; MN 250; NY 250; OR 1201; RI 250; VT 200, WA 250; TOTAL 4406*

# Past Paint Disposal Methods

- The most common “disposal” method across most states/the district was actually to not to dispose it at all.
- Disposing at a HHW facility/event was next most common for most.

***In the past, which has been your preferred method to dispose of leftover or unwanted paint?***

| Method | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stored it in the basement, garage, or a closet because I intended to use it someday | 24% | 29% | 26% | 27% | 33% | 27% | 30% | 30% | 29% | 21% | 23% | 23% | 24% | 25% |
| Took it to a household hazardous waste facility/event or transfer station | 20% | 16% | 24% | 9% | 12% | 22% | 12% | 24% | 14% | 24% | 16% | 22% | 15% | 19% |
| Not applicable - I have never stored or disposed of leftover or unwanted paint. | 11% | 11% | 8% | 15% | 8% | 10% | 10% | 8% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 15% | 12% | 11% |
| Dried it out and put it in the trash | 9% | 13% | 11% | 8% | 12% | 9% | 9% | 15% | 7% | 9% | 14% | 10% | 14% | 10% |
| Gave it away to family, friends, or a community organization | 9% | 6% | 5% | 10% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 10% | 7% | 6% | 7% | 9% |
| Took it to a paint, hardware, or lumber store | 9% | 10% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 8% | 7% |
| I don't remember what I did with the leftover or unwanted paint. | 5% | 4% | 4% | 8% | 5% | 6% | 11% | 2% | 4% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Put cans of liquid paint in the trash | 5% | 3% | 4% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 2% | 4% |
| Mixed it with hardener or kitty litter and put it in the trash | 3% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 3% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 4% |
| Left it behind when I moved | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Poured paint down the drain | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| Other* | 1% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% |

**Other – re-use building store drop-off, contractor takeaway, maintenance crew removal, community day collection*

 Shown as a percentage of all respondents *N=CA 501; CO 250; CT 250; DC 253; IL 250; ME 251; MD 250; MN 250; NY 250; OR 1201; RI 250; VT 200, WA 250; TOTAL 4406*

# Past Paint Store Disposal Preference

- Paint take-back service is the top reason people would go to a store vs. a HHW facility/event.
- Proximity was also important in most areas; however, the lack of HHW facilities and store hours also play a key role.
- *Note: results should be interpreted anecdotally as sample sizes are low.*

***What is the main reason you would take paint to a paint/hardware/lumber store instead of a household hazardous waste facility/event or transfer station?***

| Reason | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| The paint/hardware/lumber store has a paint take-back program in place. | 47% | 23% | 39% | 50% | 33% | 41% | 21% | 64% | 29% | 40% | 35% | 58% | 42% | 40% |
| The paint/hardware/lumber store is close. | 22% | 42% | 26% | 19% | 27% | 35% | 21% | 0% | 35% | 26% | 29% | 0% | 42% | 27% |
| We don't have any local hazardous waste facilities/events or transfer stations. | 13% | 12% | 9% | 13% | 40% | 6% | 29% | 27% | 24% | 21% | 12% | 17% | 11% | 17% |
| Paint/hardware/lumber stores are open more often. | 18% | 23% | 26% | 19% | 0% | 18% | 21% | 9% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 25% | 5% | 15% |
| Other* | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 6% | 0% | 0% | 1% |

Shown as a percentage of respondents who identified store drop-off as preferred disposal method

**Other – didn't want to be charged additional fees, don't know what else to do with it*



*N=CA 45; CO 26; CT 23; DC 16; IL 15; ME 17; MD 14; MN 11; NY 17; OR 92; RI 17; VT 12, WA 19; TOTAL 324*

# Household Hazardous Waste Facility/Event Preference

- Lack of knowledge of retail store take-back services was the top reason people chose HHW facilities/events in the past across all states/the district.
- Chemical disposal and proximity were also important in some areas.
- *Note: results should be interpreted only anecdotally as sample sizes are low.*

***What is the main reason you would take paint to a household hazardous waste facility/event or transfer station instead of a paint/hardware/lumber store?***

| Reason | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I wasn't aware paint/hardware/lumbers stores took back paint | 52% | 51% | 41% | 48% | 38% | 44% | 40% | 59% | 42% | 56% | 61% | 47% | 47% | 51% |
| The household hazardous waste facility or transfer station is closer. | 16% | 20% | 32% | 13% | 28% | 39% | 27% | 20% | 33% | 16% | 12% | 28% | 32% | 22% |
| I have other chemicals to dispose of that paint/hardware/lumber stores don't accept and want to get rid of it all at the same time. | 20% | 17% | 15% | 17% | 14% | 9% | 13% | 10% | 19% | 13% | 12% | 7% | 16% | 14% |
| We don't have a paint/hardware/lumber store that takes back paint in our area. | 7% | 12% | 12% | 13% | 17% | 7% | 10% | 5% | 6% | 10% | 12% | 12% | 5% | 9% |
| Other* | 2% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% | 0% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% |
| I have more paint than the paint/hardware/lumber stores would take. | 4% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 3% | 0% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 5% | 0% | 2% |

Shown as a percentage of respondents who identified HHW drop-off as preferred disposal method

**Other – it's the proper place to dispose paint, convenience, refused by garbage company, refused by store, new paint creation, would be offered to other people there, safety, PaintCare stores full*

*N=CA 102; CO 41; CT 59; DC 23; IL 29; ME 54; MD 30; MN 59; NY 36; OR 289; RI 41; VT 43, WA 38; TOTAL 844*

# Future Paint Disposal Intentions

- Disposing at a HHW facility/event was the top future disposal intention in most states/the district.
- Taking unwanted paint to a paint/hardware/lumber store was second in about half of the states. For the rest, giveaways and the dry-then-trash methods were next most common.
- Very few said they would pour liquid paint down the drain or throw it in the trash.
- "Other" category responses are provided on the following page.

***If you wanted to get rid of unwanted paint in the near future, what would you most likely do with it?***

| Method | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Take it to a household hazardous waste facility/event or transfer station | 29% | 28% | 33% | 21% | 21% | 33% | 28% | 42% | 22% | 31% | 28% | 38% | 28% | 30% |
| Take it to a paint/hardware/lumber store | 22% | 22% | 19% | 15% | 12% | 17% | 13% | 15% | 16% | 17% | 14% | 13% | 16% | 17% |
| Give it away to a family member, friend, or community organization | 16% | 12% | 13% | 22% | 18% | 14% | 16% | 10% | 16% | 18% | 12% | 15% | 12% | 16% |
| Dry it out and put it in the trash | 12% | 17% | 16% | 10% | 18% | 12% | 16% | 16% | 15% | 12% | 16% | 11% | 16% | 14% |
| I don't know | 11% | 10% | 6% | 16% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 15% | 14% | 11% | 11% |
| Mix it with hardener or kitty litter and put it in the trash | 4% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 10% | 6% | 7% | 2% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 5% |
| Put cans of liquid paint in the trash | 4% | 6% | 4% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 9% | 3% | 5% | 2% | 6% | 4% |
| Other* | 1% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Pour paint down the drain | 1% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents

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# “Other” Future Disposal Intentions

- Once again, the most common “other” method for paint disposal was to not dispose it at all.

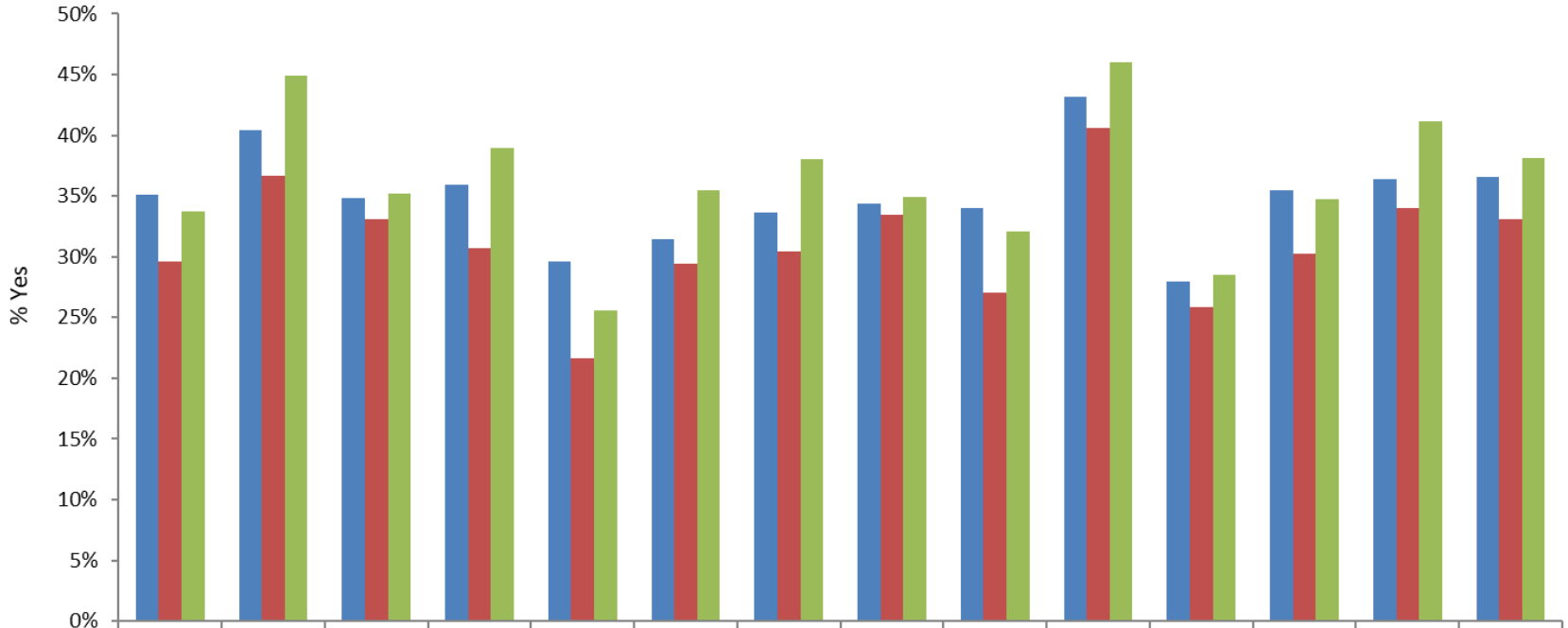
| Other Future Paint Disposal Method | |
|---|---|
| art | Never had unwanted paint |
| Ask a friend/hardware store what to do or google how to properly dispose of paint | Or give it to family |
| Ask the internet for proper methods | Put it in my bucket to harden for future art use. |
| Bring it to the local re-use building store | Recycle it at local Habitat for Humanity store. |
| Do not have leftover paint to throw way | Research online |
| DONATE TO Homes for Habitat | Same as I always do use it, mix it with absorbant, and throw it in the trash with the lid. |
| Drop it off in the bulk garbage area for maintenance to dispose of | save it for touchups down the line |
| Find a project and use it | Sell it on facebook markwtplace |
| Give to community disposal people on community turn in day | Sell, possibly ? |
| Give to my friend who needs paint | Store in the basement |
| Google it | Store it |
| Google what to do with it in my area and then do that | Stored it in the basement or similar ans planned to use in.future |
| I always ask the new buyer if they want it, if they do, it stays behind.  If not, I go the kitty litter route. | Take it to a paint recycling center. |
| i know some hardware stores take back the paint cans to recycle them appropriately. i'd look into local stores. | Take it to Metro for recycling |
| I store it with lid shut good in my closet for later use I use my stuff until the end everything | take it to some household for sell |
| I would keep it for future use. | Take it to specialized recycled or hazardous waste |
| I would look online to see what the proper way is in my community | take it to the re-use center |
| I would return to Metro. The process is easy. | take it to the waste disposal plant when they accept paint, sprays, aerosols for outdoor plants, etc. Only take them every 6 mo. or so. |
| I. Do. Not. Get. Rid. Of. Paint | Take it to town dump |
| I`d donate it. | Take to the Metro Waste Center for proper handling and disposal. |
| If it was an amount small enough to be dried out, then I would remove the lid and let the can contents be dried out by sunlight before throwing the can in the disposal bin. If the amount is enough to be used for a painting project (even if post mixing with another similar color), then I take the can to the local Habitat for Humanity that will allow a community member to pickup paint supply items they need for free. | Throw away with oil it's a hazrd |
| I'm not going to let a good thing go to waste. | Throw it away |
| Let it harden and throw it away | Try to find somewhere to dispose of it |
| Let our maintenance crew take it to recycling center along with others from my retirement community | Use cans as target practice |
| Look at my local recycling  / garbage center on how to dispose of it. | Use every drop of it so there isn't any waste |
| Make more paintings | Use for art projects |
| My paint typically dries out and I have to throw it out when I need it | Use it another time |
| | We have a store that recycles it. If the paint is still fluid it would go there. |

# PAINT RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL AWARENESS

# Awareness of Paint Recycling

- 37% of all respondents said they knew that paint can be recycled (comprised of consumers and professionals).
- Whereas 33% of end consumers knew that paint could be recycled, 72% of professionals were aware*.
- End consumers who purchased paint more recently were more likely to know that it can be recycled (38%). This supports the idea that recent store interactions are having an impact on awareness.

***Prior to this survey, did you know that paint can be recycled (disposed in such a way that it may be re-used)?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 35% | 40% | 35% | 36% | 30% | 31% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 43% | 28% | 36% | 36% | 37% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 30% | 37% | 33% | 31% | 22% | 29% | 30% | 33% | 27% | 41% | 26% | 30% | 34% | 33% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 34% | 45% | 35% | 39% | 26% | 35% | 38% | 35% | 32% | 46% | 28% | 35% | 41% | 38% |

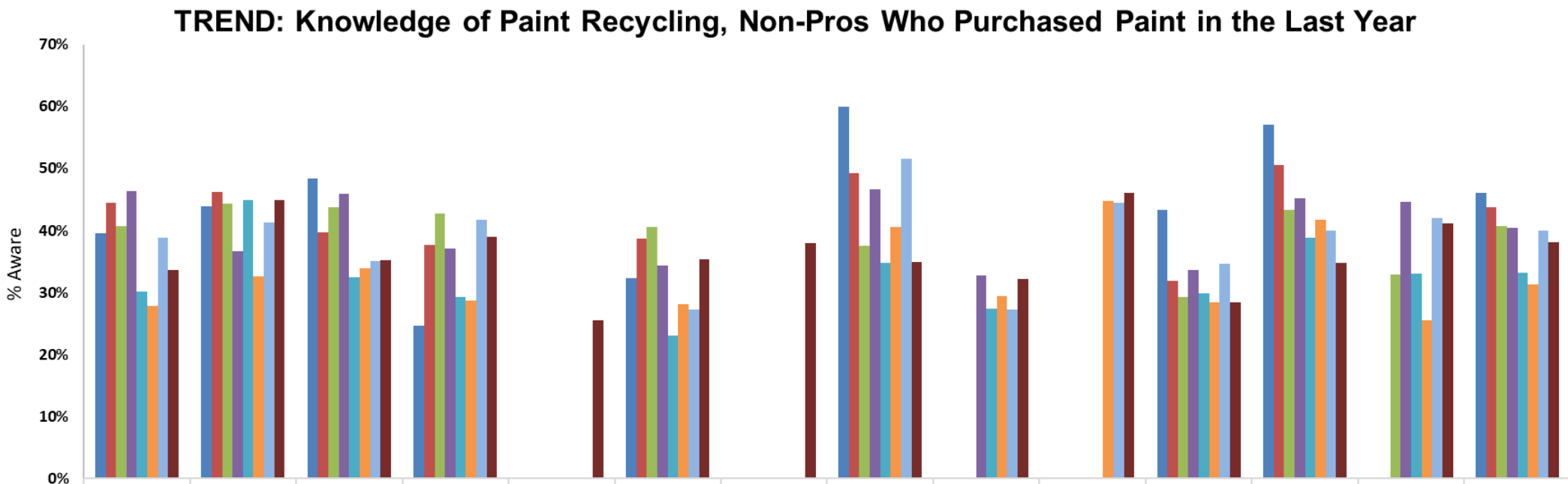
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# TREND: Paint Recycling Awareness, Recent Consumer Purchasers

- A similar percentage of recent end-consumer purchasers were aware that paint can be recycled in 2025 (38%) as in 2024 (40%).
- Results varied by state/district. The biggest awareness gains were seen in Maine and New York. Awareness dipped the most in Minnesota, Rhode Island and California.

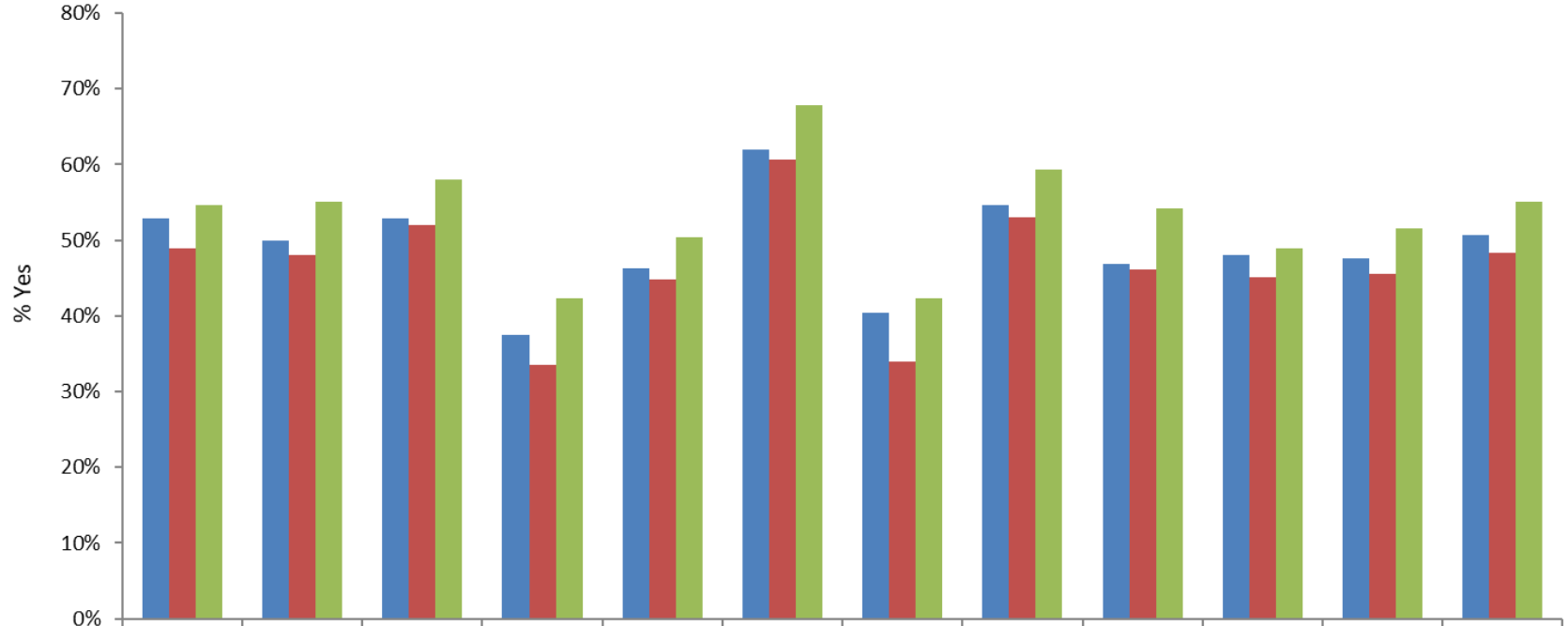



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 40% | 44% | 48% | 25% | | 32% | | 60% | | | 43% | 57% | | 46% |
| 2019 | 44% | 46% | 40% | 38% | | 39% | | 49% | | | 32% | 51% | | 44% |
| 2020 | 41% | 44% | 44% | 43% | | 41% | | 38% | | | 29% | 43% | 33% | 41% |
| 2021 | 46% | 37% | 46% | 37% | | 34% | | 47% | 33% | | 34% | 45% | 45% | 40% |
| 2022 | 30% | 45% | 32% | 29% | | 23% | | 35% | 27% | | 30% | 39% | 33% | 33% |
| 2023 | 28% | 33% | 34% | 29% | | 28% | | 41% | 29% | 45% | 28% | 42% | 26% | 31% |
| 2024 | 39% | 41% | 35% | 42% | | 27% | | 52% | 27% | 44% | 35% | 40% | 42% | 40% |
| 2025 | 34% | 45% | 35% | 39% | 26% | 35% | 38% | 35% | 32% | 46% | 28% | 35% | 41% | 38% |

# Awareness of Paint Disposal Opportunities in State/District

- 51% of all respondents were aware of paint disposal opportunities in their state/district**, comprised of both professionals (74% aware) and end consumers (48% aware).
- Awareness among end consumers who purchased in the last year was higher (55%) than that of all consumers (48%), demonstrating that purchase recency makes a difference in understanding.

***Prior to this survey, were you aware of paint disposal opportunities in your state, such as drop off locations at paint stores and household hazardous waste facilities?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 53% | 50% | 53% | 38% | 46% | 62% | 40% | 55% | 47% | 48% | 48% | 51% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 49% | 48% | 52% | 33% | 45% | 61% | 34% | 53% | 46% | 45% | 46% | 48% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 55% | 55% | 58% | 42% | 50% | 68% | 42% | 59% | 54% | 49% | 52% | 55% |

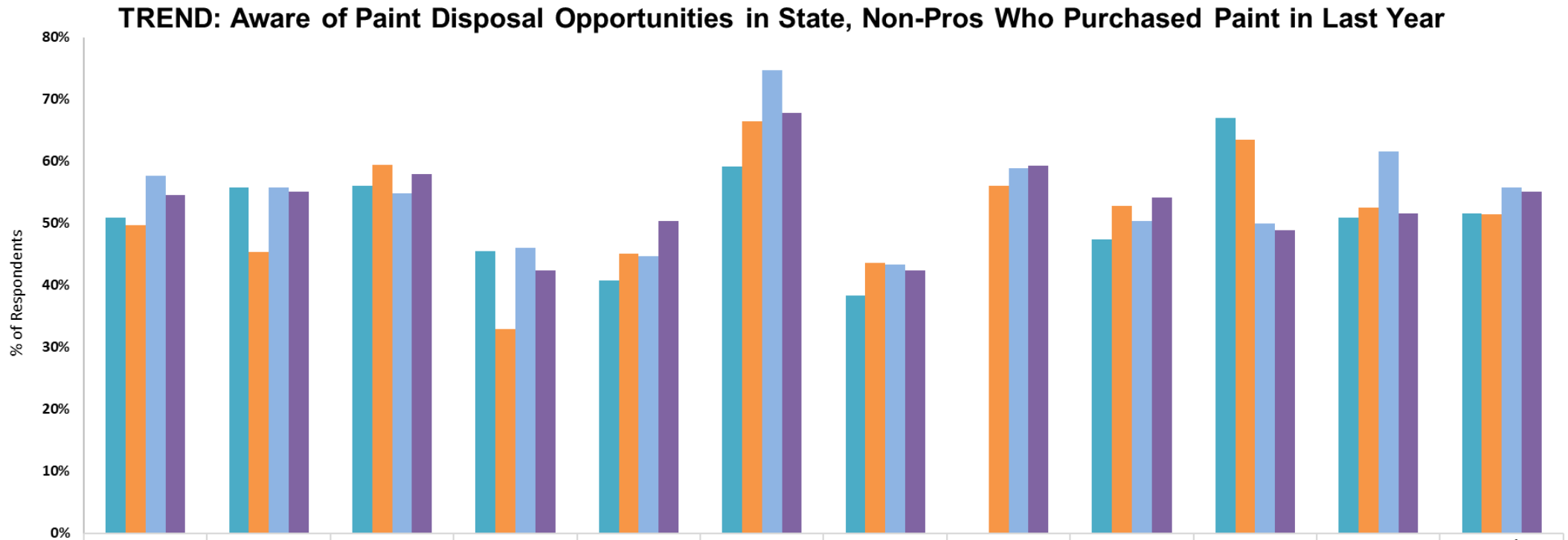
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# TREND: Disposal Opportunity Awareness, Recent Purchasers

- Overall, awareness of disposal opportunities among recent end-consumer purchasers stayed about the same as last year.
- Results varied by state/district. Awareness went up slightly in Maine while dropping in California, Minnesota and Washington.
- *Note that only four years of trend data is available as this question was added in 2022.*

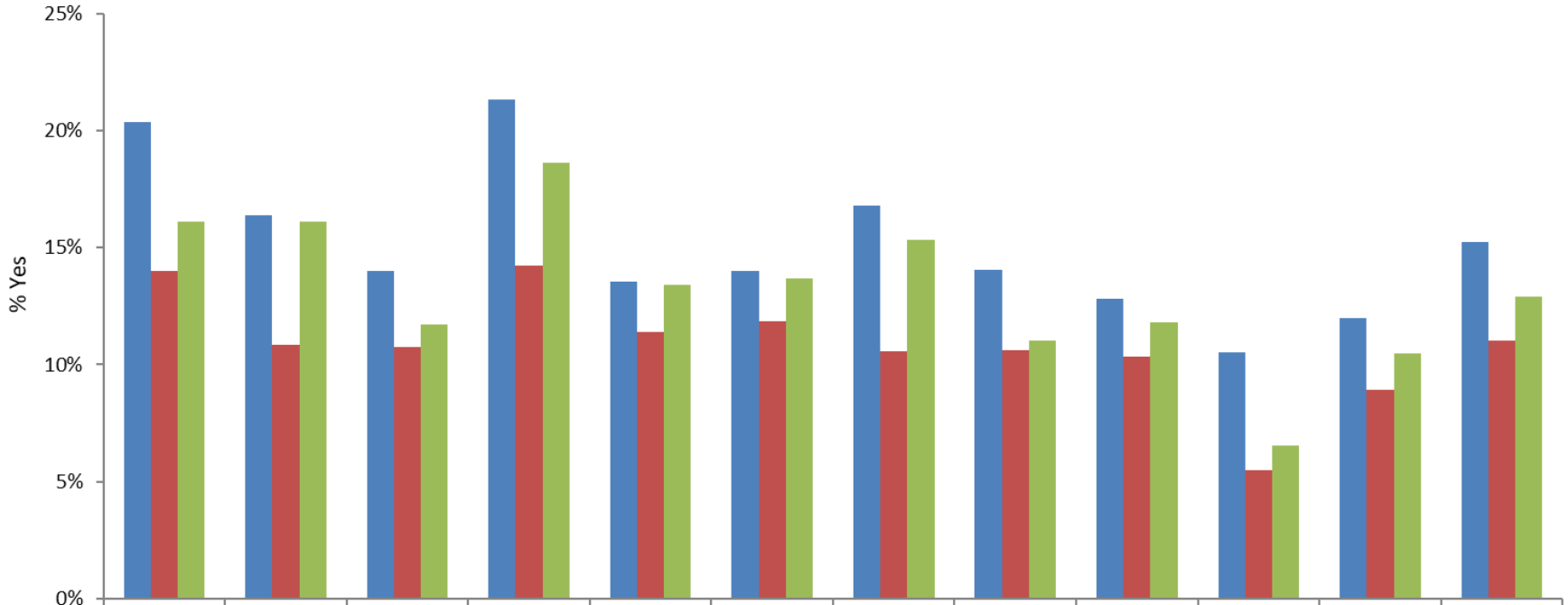



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | 51% | 56% | 56% | 46% | 41% | 59% | 38% | | 47% | 67% | 51% | 52% |
| 2023 | 50% | 45% | 59% | 33% | 45% | 66% | 44% | 56% | 53% | 63% | 52% | 51% |
| 2024 | 58% | 56% | 55% | 46% | 45% | 75% | 43% | 59% | 50% | 50% | 62% | 56% |
| 2025 | 55% | 55% | 58% | 42% | 50% | 68% | 42% | 59% | 54% | 49% | 52% | 55% |

# Awareness of Free Onsite Pickup Services

- 15% of all respondents knew that 100+ gallons could be picked up for free.
- 58% of professional painters were aware*; 11% of non-professionals.
- Recency made a small difference among non-professionals. 13% of those who purchased in the last year were aware of pick-up services.

***Prior to this survey, were you aware there is a free on-site pickup service available to households, professional painters, businesses and organizations with 100 gallons or more of leftover paint?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 20% | 16% | 14% | 21% | 14% | 14% | 17% | 14% | 13% | 11% | 12% | 15% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 14% | 11% | 11% | 14% | 11% | 12% | 11% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 9% | 11% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 16% | 16% | 12% | 19% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 11% | 12% | 7% | 10% | 13% |

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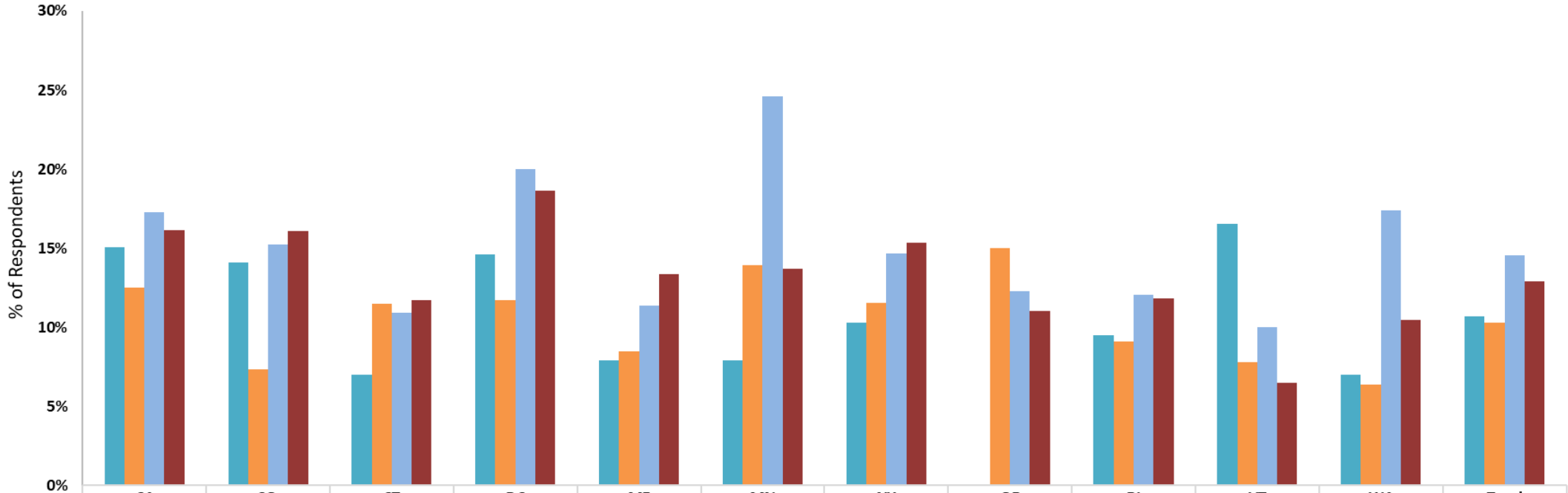


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# TREND: Awareness of Free Onsite Pickup, Recent Purchasers

- Overall, awareness of pick-up services among recent end-consumer purchasers stayed about the same last year (15% vs. 13%).
- Results varied by state/district, with notable drops in Minnesota and Washington.
- *Note that only four years of trend data is available as this question was added in 2022.*

## TREND: Aware 100+ Gallon Pickup, Non-Pros Who Purchased Paint in the Last Year

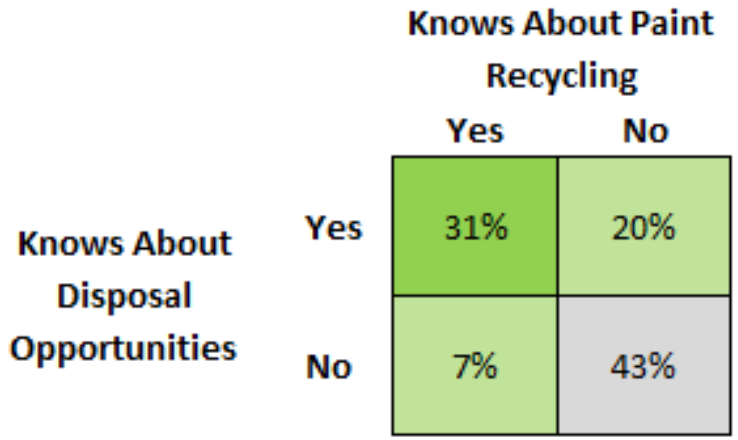



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | 15% | 14% | 7% | 15% | 8% | 8% | 10% | | 9% | 17% | 7% | 11% |
| 2023 | 13% | 7% | 12% | 12% | 8% | 14% | 12% | 15% | 9% | 8% | 6% | 10% |
| 2024 | 17% | 15% | 11% | 20% | 11% | 25% | 15% | 12% | 12% | 10% | 17% | 15% |
| 2025 | 16% | 16% | 12% | 19% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 11% | 12% | 7% | 10% | 13% |

# AWARENESS MATRICES

# Recycling/Disposal Awareness Matrix

- Familiarity with paint recycling does not necessarily go hand in hand with the knowledge of drop-off opportunities.
- In fact, there were many who knew about paint recycling who did not know about disposal opportunities in the state/district, and vice versa.
- The following "matrix" breaks down the entire respondent base given both subjects.
- 31% knew about both topics; 43%, neither; the rest, one or the other (the same breakdown as last year).*
- *Note: "whole" percentages do not add to 100% due to rounding.*




**Implication: need for balanced marketing and communications if we are to get both points across.*

# Awareness Matrices – By Professional Painter Status

- As expected, professional painters were much more likely to know about both topics, paint recycling and disposal opportunities.
- In fact, more than twice as many professionals (62%) knew about both than non-professionals (27%).
- *Note: "whole" percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

**ALL END CONSUMERS**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 27% | 21% |
| No | 6% | 45% |

**ALL PROFESSIONAL PAINTERS**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 62% | 12% |
| No | 9% | 17% |

# Awareness Matrices – By Recency of Consumer Paint Purchase

- Recent purchasers were slightly more aware of both aspects, disposal opportunities and paint recycling (33% vs. 27%).
- This supports the idea that consumer education is working among those who have recently interacted with stores and/or received other marketing communications.
- *Note: "whole" percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.*

**ALL END CONSUMERS**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 27% | 21% |
| No | 6% | 45% |

**CONSUMERS BOUGHT IN LAST YEAR**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 33% | 22% |
| No | 6% | 39% |

# Awareness Matrices – By State/District, Recent Consumer Purchasers

- Oregon and Colorado respondents were most aware of both aspects (disposal opportunities *and* paint recycling); New York and Rhode Island respondents, the least aware.

**CA**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 30% | 25% |
| No | 4% | 42% |

**ME**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 28% | 22% |
| No | 7% | 43% |

**RI**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 24% | 31% |
| No | 5% | 41% |

**CO**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 36% | 19% |
| No | 8% | 36% |

**MN**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 32% | 36% |
| No | 3% | 29% |

**VT**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 26% | 23% |
| No | 9% | 42% |

**CT**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 30% | 28% |
| No | 6% | 37% |

**NY**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 23% | 19% |
| No | 9% | 49% |

**WA**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 35% | 17% |
| No | 6% | 42% |

**DC**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 30% | 13% |
| No | 9% | 48% |

**OR**

| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 40% | 19% |
| No | 6% | 35% |

**ALL END CONSUMERS BOUGHT IN LAST YEAR**

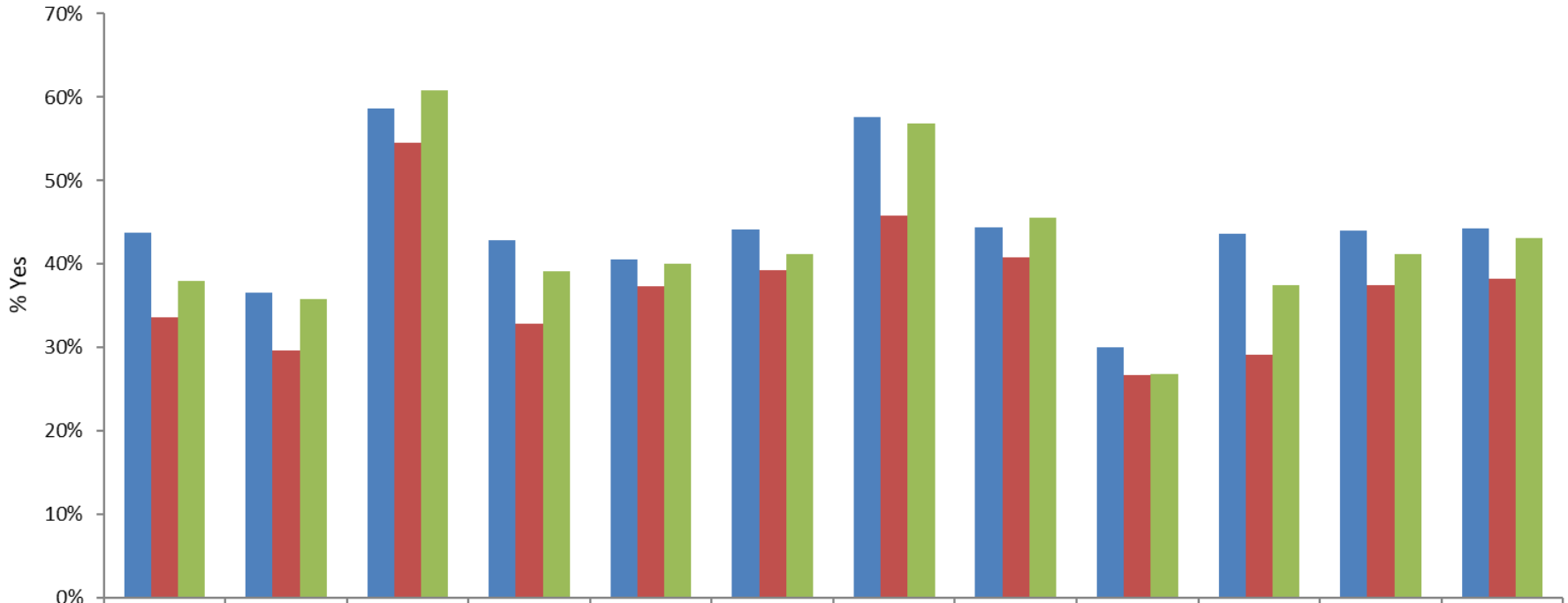
| Disposal Opportunities | Paint Recycling: Yes | Paint Recycling: No |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 33% | 22% |
| No | 6% | 39% |

# RECYCLING PROCESS AWARENESS AND BEHAVIORS

# Awareness of Fee Among Those Who Knew About Recycling

- 44% of those who knew about paint recycling also knew about the recycling fee added to new purchases.
- There was a marked difference between professionals (74%)* and non-professionals (38%).
- Recency of paint purchases made a significant difference in most states/the district.

***Are you aware that when you buy paint in your state/district, there is a small fee added to the price to pay for a program to recycle any leftover paint you have?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 44% | 37% | 59% | 43% | 41% | 44% | 58% | 44% | 30% | 44% | 44% | 44% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 34% | 30% | 55% | 33% | 37% | 39% | 46% | 41% | 27% | 29% | 38% | 38% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 38% | 36% | 61% | 39% | 40% | 41% | 57% | 46% | 27% | 38% | 41% | 43% |

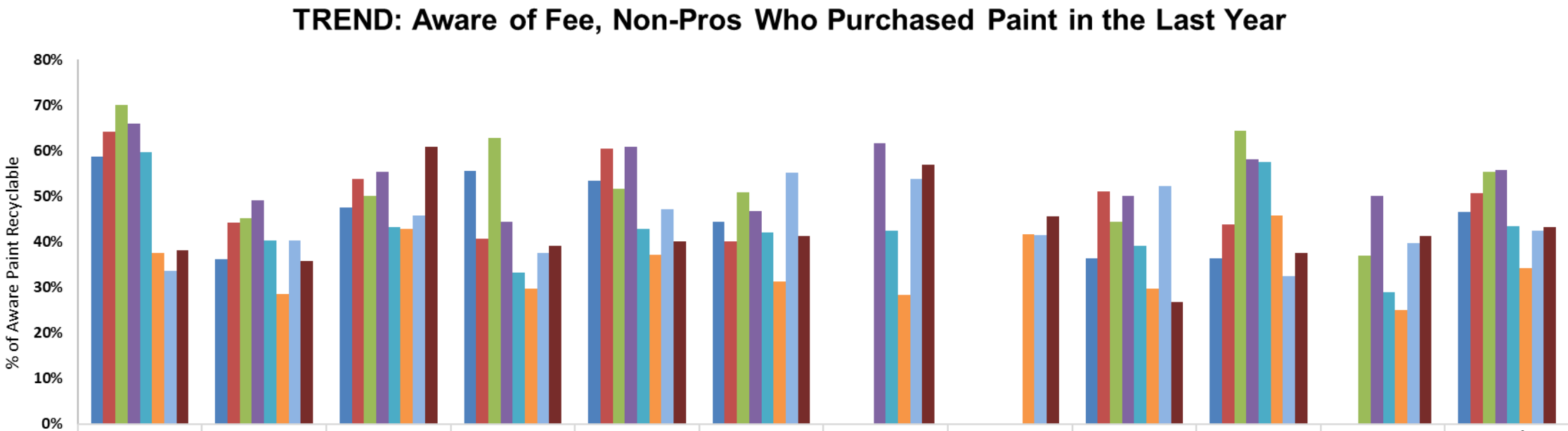
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# TREND: Fee Awareness, Recent End-Consumer Purchasers

- Overall, fee awareness was about the same in 2025 (43%) as in 2024 (42%), but varied within states/the district.
- Significant gains were made in California, Connecticut, Oregon and Vermont, while awareness dropped significantly in Maine, Minnesota and Rhode Island.

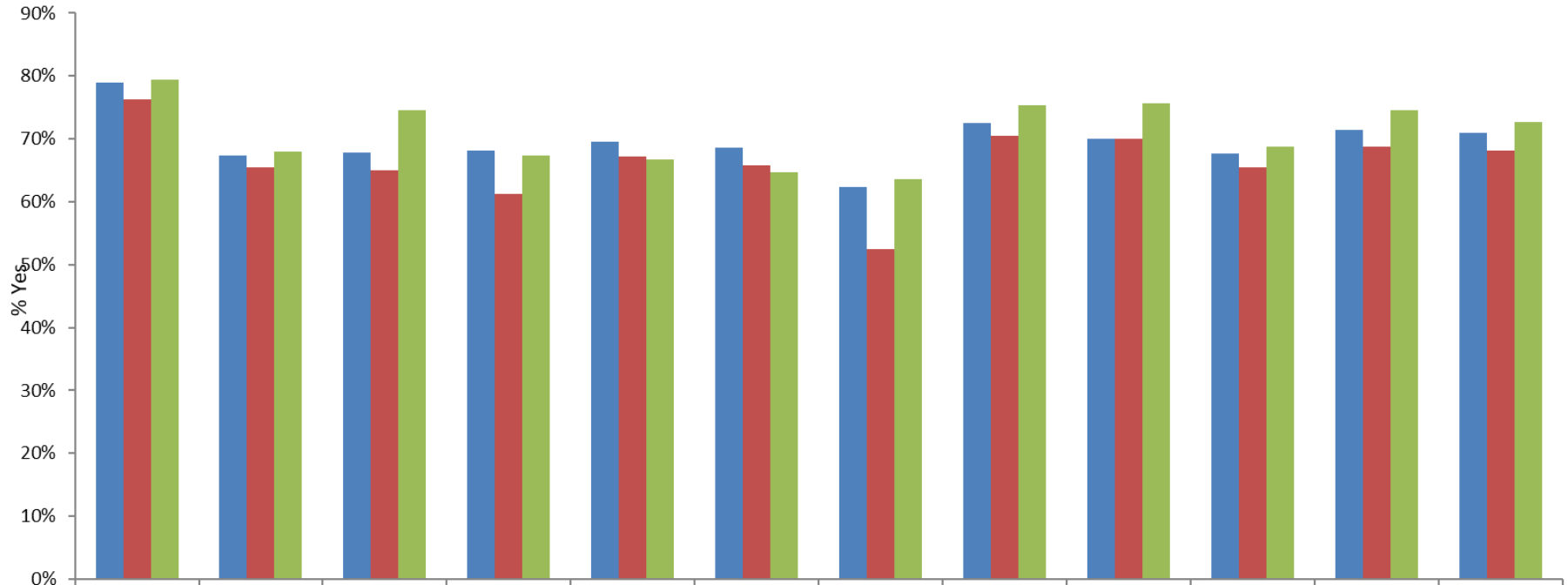



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 59% | 36% | 47% | 56% | 53% | 44% | | | 36% | 36% | | 47% |
| 2019 | 64% | 44% | 54% | 41% | 60% | 40% | | | 51% | 44% | | 51% |
| 2020 | 70% | 45% | 50% | 63% | 52% | 51% | | | 44% | 64% | 37% | 55% |
| 2021 | 66% | 49% | 55% | 44% | 61% | 47% | 62% | | 50% | 58% | 50% | 56% |
| 2022 | 60% | 40% | 43% | 33% | 43% | 42% | 43% | | 39% | 57% | 29% | 43% |
| 2023 | 38% | 29% | 43% | 30% | 37% | 31% | 28% | 42% | 30% | 46% | 25% | 34% |
| 2024 | 34% | 40% | 46% | 38% | 47% | 55% | 54% | 41% | 52% | 33% | 40% | 42% |
| 2025 | 38% | 36% | 61% | 39% | 40% | 41% | 57% | 46% | 27% | 38% | 41% | 43% |

# Knowledge of Places for Recycling

- 71% of respondents who knew that paint can be recycled also knew where to go to do so.
- As with other results, end consumers' awareness was lower (68%) than professionals' (85%)*.
- Awareness was higher among end consumers who purchased in the last year (73%).

***If you wanted to take paint somewhere to be recycled, do you know where to take it?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 79% | 67% | 68% | 68% | 70% | 69% | 62% | 73% | 70% | 68% | 71% | 71% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 76% | 65% | 65% | 61% | 67% | 66% | 53% | 71% | 70% | 65% | 69% | 68% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 79% | 68% | 75% | 67% | 67% | 65% | 64% | 75% | 76% | 69% | 75% | 73% |

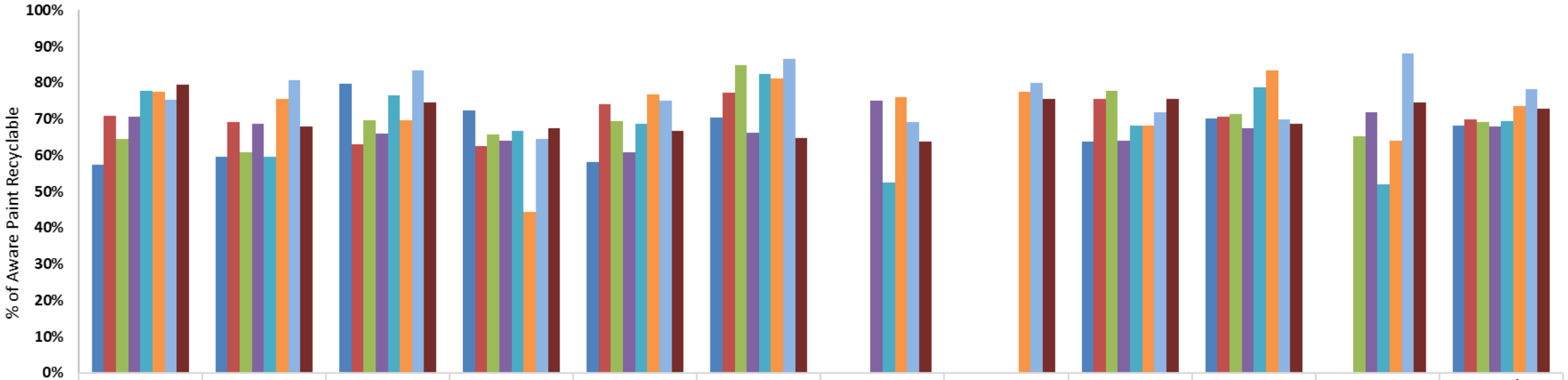
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# TREND: Knowledge of Where to Recycle, Recent Purchasers

- Recycling location knowledge dropped slightly in 2025 among recent consumer purchasers who were familiar with recycling.
- Results trended downward in most states with the exception of California.

## TREND: Aware of Recycling Locations, Non-Pros Who Purchased Paint in the Last Year

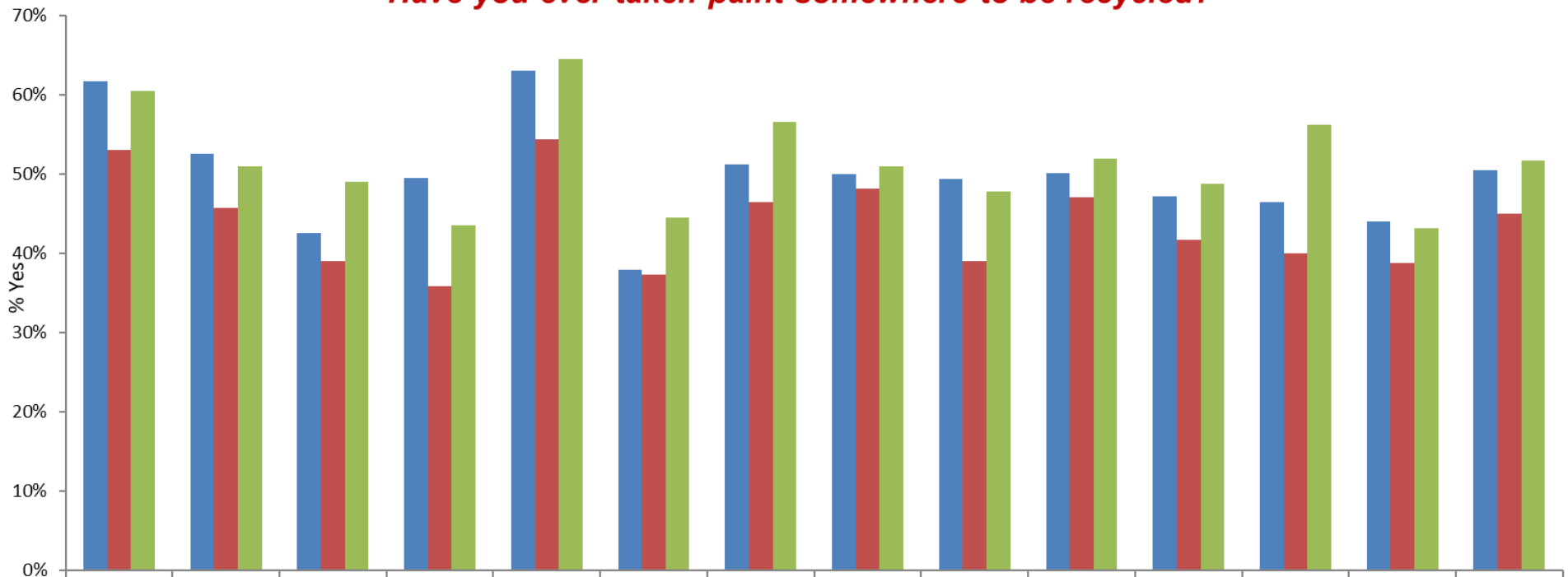



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | ME | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 57% | 60% | 80% | 72% | 58% | 70% | | | 64% | 70% | | 68% |
| 2019 | 71% | 69% | 63% | 63% | 74% | 77% | | | 76% | 71% | | 70% |
| 2020 | 64% | 61% | 70% | 66% | 69% | 85% | | | 78% | 71% | 65% | 69% |
| 2021 | 71% | 69% | 66% | 64% | 61% | 66% | 75% | | 64% | 67% | 72% | 68% |
| 2022 | 78% | 60% | 76% | 67% | 69% | 82% | 53% | | 68% | 79% | 52% | 69% |
| 2023 | 78% | 76% | 70% | 44% | 77% | 81% | 76% | 78% | 68% | 83% | 64% | 74% |
| 2024 | 75% | 81% | 83% | 65% | 75% | 87% | 69% | 80% | 72% | 70% | 88% | 78% |
| 2025 | 79% | 68% | 75% | 67% | 67% | 65% | 64% | 75% | 76% | 69% | 75% | 73% |

# Past Recycling Behaviors Among Those That Knew About Recycling

- 50% of those who said they were aware that paint can be recycled said they had done so in the past.
- Non-professionals (45%) were less likely to have recycled in the past than professionals (76%)*.
- End consumers who purchased in the last year were more likely to have recycled in the past than those who had purchased before.

***Have you ever taken paint somewhere to be recycled?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 62% | 52% | 43% | 49% | 63% | 38% | 51% | 50% | 49% | 50% | 47% | 46% | 44% | 50% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 53% | 46% | 39% | 36% | 54% | 37% | 46% | 48% | 39% | 47% | 42% | 40% | 39% | 45% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 60% | 51% | 49% | 43% | 65% | 44% | 57% | 51% | 48% | 52% | 49% | 56% | 43% | 52% |

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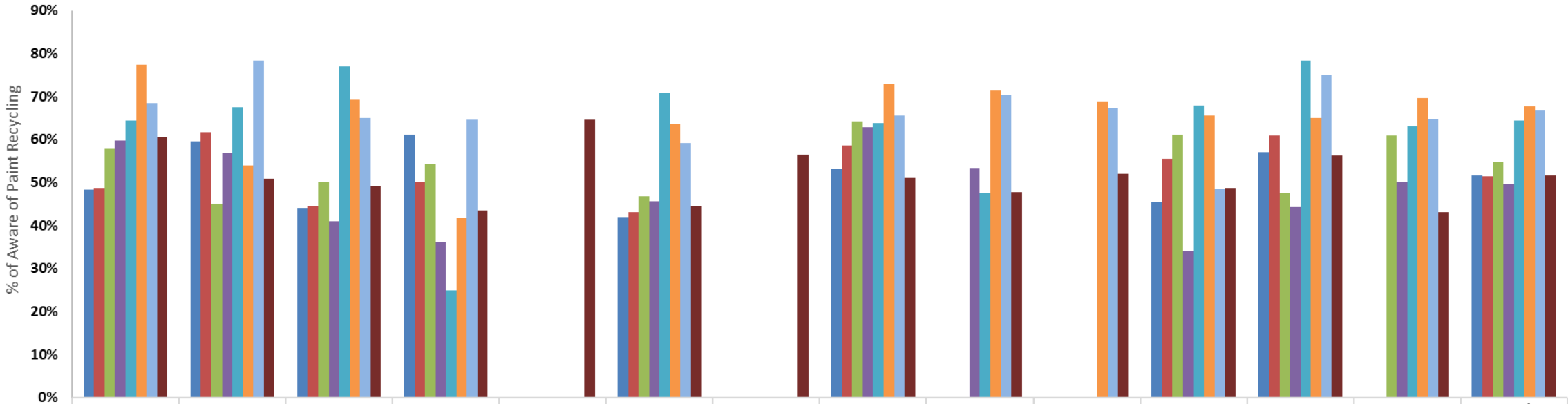


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# TREND: Past Recycling, Recent End-Consumer Purchasers

- Fewer 2025 end-consumer respondents who purchased in the last year indicated they had recycled in the past (52%) than in 2024 (67%).
- All states/the district dropped in this measure except Rhode Island, which stayed about the same.

## TREND: Recycled in the Past, Non-Pros Who Purchased Paint in the Last Year

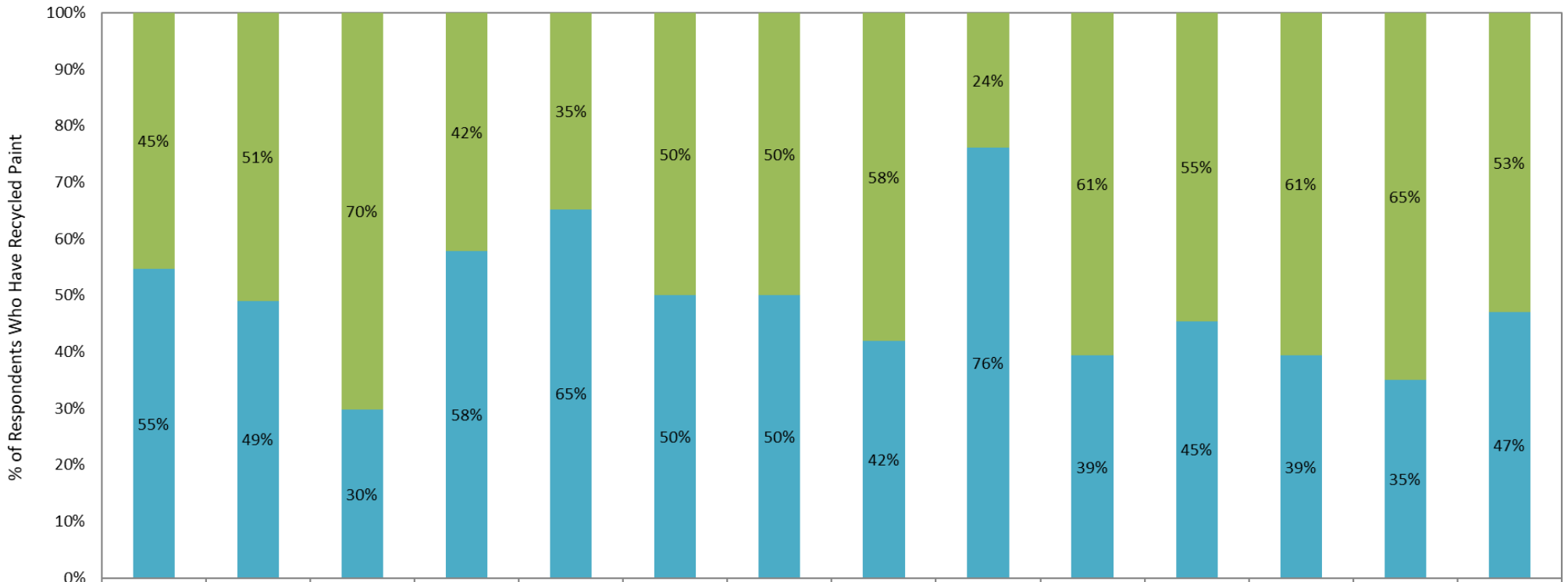



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 48% | 60% | 44% | 61% | | 42% | | 53% | | | 45% | 57% | | 52% |
| 2019 | 49% | 62% | 44% | 50% | | 43% | | 59% | | | 56% | 61% | | 51% |
| 2020 | 58% | 45% | 50% | 54% | | 47% | | 64% | | | 61% | 48% | 61% | 55% |
| 2021 | 60% | 57% | 41% | 36% | | 46% | | 63% | 53% | | 34% | 44% | 50% | 50% |
| 2022 | 64% | 68% | 77% | 25% | | 71% | | 64% | 48% | | 68% | 78% | 63% | 64% |
| 2023 | 77% | 54% | 69% | 42% | | 64% | | 73% | 71% | 69% | 66% | 65% | 70% | 68% |
| 2024 | 68% | 78% | 65% | 65% | | 59% | | 66% | 70% | 67% | 48% | 75% | 65% | 67% |
| 2025 | 60% | 51% | 49% | 43% | 65% | 44% | 57% | 51% | 48% | 52% | 49% | 56% | 43% | 52% |

# Recency of Paint Recycling

- 47% of those who said they had recycled paint in the past said they had done so in the last year.
- Results varied by state/district. New York and Illinois recyclers were more likely to have done so in the last year.

***When was the most recent time you have taken paint somewhere to be recycled?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| More than one year ago | 45% | 51% | 70% | 42% | 35% | 50% | 50% | 58% | 24% | 61% | 55% | 61% | 65% | 53% |
| At some point during the past year | 55% | 49% | 30% | 58% | 65% | 50% | 50% | 42% | 76% | 39% | 45% | 39% | 35% | 47% |

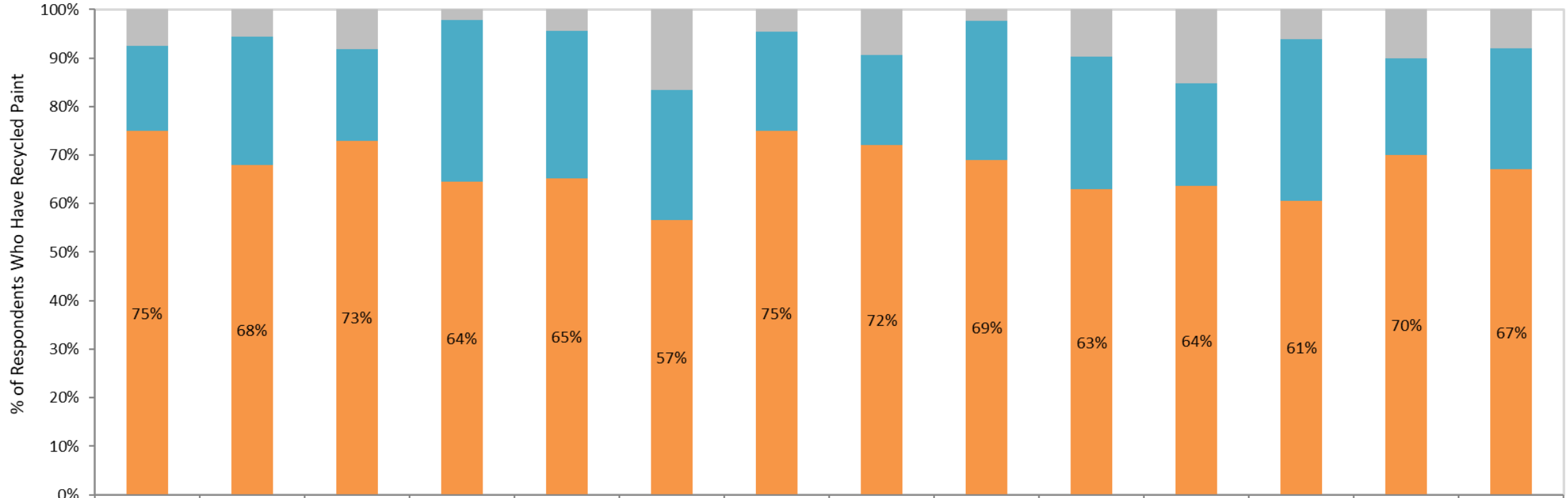


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# Consistency of Paint Purchasing and Recycling

- The person who brought the paint to be recycled was usually the same person who had purchased the paint.

***Was the person who physically took the paint to be recycled the same person who bought the paint?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Don't Recall | 7% | 6% | 8% | 2% | 4% | 17% | 5% | 9% | 2% | 10% | 15% | 6% | 10% | 8% |
| No | 18% | 26% | 19% | 33% | 30% | 27% | 20% | 19% | 29% | 27% | 21% | 33% | 20% | 25% |
| Yes | 75% | 68% | 73% | 64% | 65% | 57% | 75% | 72% | 69% | 63% | 64% | 61% | 70% | 67% |

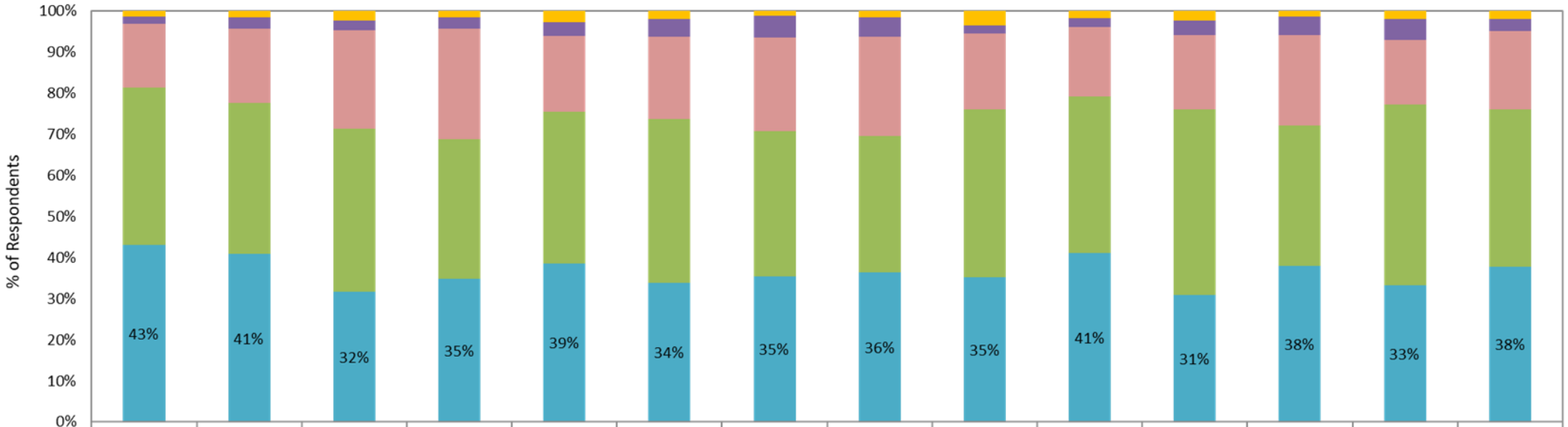
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# PAINT RECYCLING
# FUTURE INTENTIONS

# Likelihood for Future Paint Recycling

- 76% of all respondents said they were “extremely likely” or “likely” to recycle the next time they had paint to dispose.
- Very few said they were unlikely to do so.
- Results varied by state/district. Those in California, Oregon and Colorado were most enthusiastic, with the highest percentages of those “Extremely Likely” to recycle.

***How likely will you drop it off for recycling next time you have paint to dispose?***



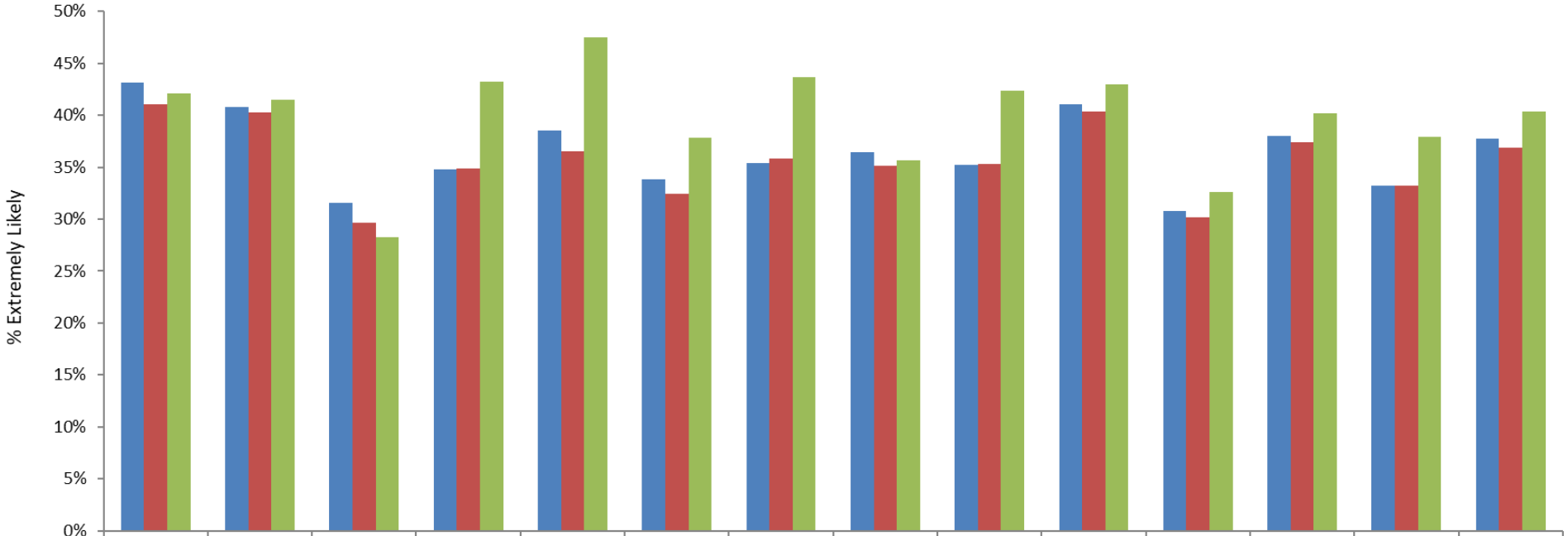

| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Extremely Unlikely | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Unlikely | 2% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 3% |
| Neutral | 16% | 18% | 24% | 27% | 18% | 20% | 23% | 24% | 18% | 17% | 18% | 22% | 16% | 19% |
| Likely | 38% | 37% | 40% | 34% | 37% | 40% | 35% | 33% | 41% | 38% | 45% | 34% | 44% | 38% |
| Extremely Likely | 43% | 41% | 32% | 35% | 39% | 34% | 35% | 36% | 35% | 41% | 31% | 38% | 33% | 38% |

*N=CA 501; CO 250; CT 250; DC 253; IL 244; ME 251; MD 246; MN 250; NY 250; OR 1201; RI 250; VT 200, WA 250; TOTAL 4396*

# Future Paint Recycling Intentions – Extremely Likely

- 38% of respondents were “extremely likely” to recycle in the future.
- The percentage of respondents who said they were “extremely likely” to recycle was lower among non-professionals (37%) than professional painters (46%)*.
- Recency plays a strong role in driving recycling intentions—those who had purchased paint in the last year were more likely to recycle in the future (40%).

***How likely will you drop it off for recycling next time you have paint to dispose?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 43% | 41% | 32% | 35% | 39% | 34% | 35% | 36% | 35% | 41% | 31% | 38% | 33% | 38% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 41% | 40% | 30% | 35% | 36% | 32% | 36% | 35% | 35% | 40% | 30% | 37% | 33% | 37% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 42% | 42% | 28% | 43% | 48% | 38% | 44% | 36% | 42% | 43% | 33% | 40% | 38% | 40% |

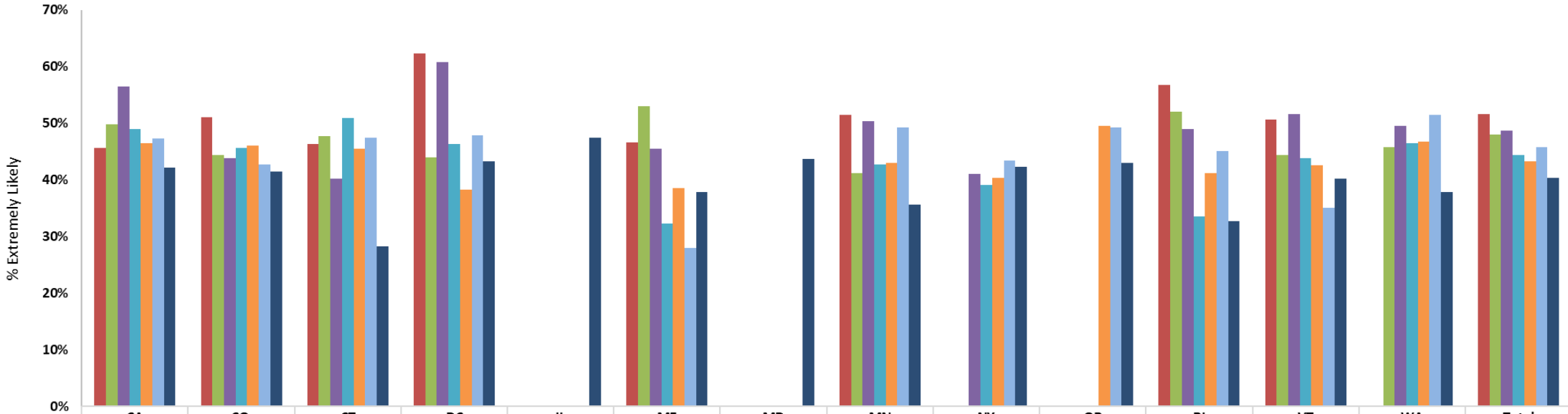
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# TREND: Extremely Likely to Recycle Paint, Recent Purchasers

- The percentage of end-consumer respondents who were “extremely likely” to recycle in the future was slightly lower in 2025 (40%) than in 2024 (46%). In fact, this measure has been trending downward since we started tracking it seven years ago.
- Recycling intentions dipped in most states/the district, with the exception of Maine and Vermont.

**TREND: Extremely Likely to Recycle In Future, Non-Pros Who Purchased Paint in the Last Year**

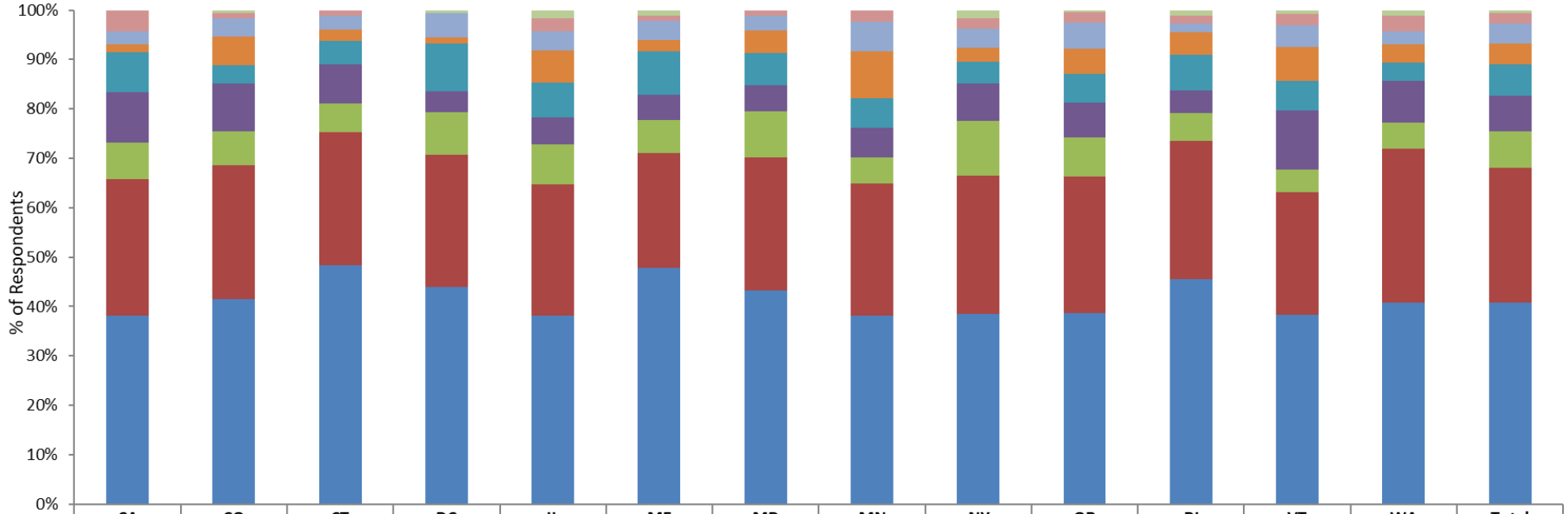



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2019 | 46% | 51% | 46% | 62% | | 47% | | 51% | | | 57% | 51% | | 52% |
| 2020 | 50% | 44% | 48% | 44% | | 53% | | 41% | | | 52% | 44% | 46% | 48% |
| 2021 | 57% | 44% | 40% | 61% | | 46% | | 50% | 41% | | 49% | 52% | 50% | 49% |
| 2022 | 49% | 46% | 51% | 46% | | 32% | | 43% | 39% | | 34% | 44% | 47% | 44% |
| 2023 | 47% | 46% | 46% | 38% | | 39% | | 43% | 40% | 49% | 41% | 43% | 47% | 43% |
| 2024 | 47% | 43% | 47% | 48% | | 28% | | 49% | 43% | 49% | 45% | 35% | 51% | 46% |
| 2025 | 42% | 42% | 28% | 43% | 48% | 38% | 44% | 36% | 42% | 43% | 33% | 40% | 38% | 40% |

# Open-Ended Commentary: Recycling Motivators

- The most common motivations to recycle paint were to “do the right thing” and to help/save the environment.*
- To a lesser degree, the “recycle everything” mentality played a role as did reducing hazardous waste/clutter and helping others.
- Sample comments are provided in the following pages.

***What would be your personal motivation for recycling your leftover paint in the future?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I Didn’t Know I Could / Awareness Gap | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Financial Motivations / Coupons / Rebates | 4% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% |
| Reuse / Helping Others | 3% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 4% |
| Waste Reduction | 2% | 6% | 2% | 1% | 7% | 2% | 5% | 10% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 7% | 4% | 4% |
| Decluttering / Getting Rid of Paint | 8% | 4% | 5% | 10% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 6% |
| Safety / Health Concerns | 10% | 10% | 8% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 4% | 12% | 8% | 7% |
| Passion for Recycling | 7% | 7% | 6% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 9% | 5% | 11% | 8% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 7% |
| Environmental Responsibility | 28% | 27% | 27% | 27% | 27% | 23% | 27% | 27% | 28% | 28% | 28% | 25% | 31% | 27% |
| Personal Satisfaction / Right Thing to Do | 38% | 41% | 48% | 44% | 38% | 48% | 43% | 38% | 38% | 39% | 46% | 38% | 41% | 41% |



**Comment analysis generated through ChatGPT*

# Sample Comments* – Right Thing To Do

| Right Thing to Do |
| --- |
| Because I feel like it's the right thing to do to protect others around me |
| Better for environment. Im older and more responsible now |
| doing something positive for the environment.  doing the right thing. |
| Doing the right thing |
| doing the right thing |
| I believe in being a responsible eco conscious individual, and will dispose ethically. |
| It is just the right thing to do as well as eco-friendly.  Why wouldn't anyone recycle paint when there are places to take it. |
| It is just the right thing to do for the sake of the environment. |
| it is the ethically responsible thing to do |
| It is the right thing to do |
| It is the right thing to do. |
| Its the right thing to do and its easy to do. |
| It's the right thing to do and you pay for it when you buy your paint. |
| Knowing I was doing the right thing.  Not poring it out on the ground or washing it down the drain |
| Paint is better than it used to be,being water-based typically but it does and can cause damage to our environment. It should be taken care of responsibly |
| Same reason recycling motivates me in general. It's just the right thing to do. |
| Seems like the right thing to do |
| Taking care of the environment is everyone's responsibility |
| To do the right thing. |
| To protect the environment and be responsible. |
| Doing my community duty to recycle whenever I can. |
| Doing things right |



**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Sample Comments* – Environmental and Recycling Motivations

| Environmental Motivations |
|---|
| Better use of resources and better for the environment |
| Building a more sustainable future, avoid hazardous consequences for the environment |
| Doing something positive for the environment and letting others get use out of my paint that I no longer need |
| Doing what's good for the environment |
| Don't want to be harmful to the environment |
| eco friendly tot he environment |
| Environmental concerns, would not want to dump it down the drain. |
| For environmental reasons. I have also taken it to fund raising events at schools. |
| For recycling leftover paint in the future, my personal motivation would be wanting to have a cleaner environment and to not cause any harm to our already polluted environment |
| I assume it would be the most environmentally friendly thing to do, and I do care about the environment. |
| I care about the environment.  I work for Ben and Jerrys and part of our social mission is the environment |
| I recycle everything in order to do my part in bettering the environment and doing things the right way to set an example to others |
| I wanna make sure none leaks out in the environment |
| I wanted to keep hazardous paint chemical from my eco system and lakes nearby |
| I Would think that paint would be good for our environment so that is the reason I thought of and will do that recycling with any leftover paint from now on. |
| If there was some sort of financial incentive again and it's helping the environment. That's a win win. |
| It is important to me to recycle anything that can be recycled. Our planet needs our help. |
| It would have environmental benefits to be recycled correctly. Keeping potentially harmful substances out of ecosystems. |
| It's important to do my part to protect our community and our planet. That means not being wasteful or reckless with hazardous materials. |
| Knowing that the leftover paint would be accounted for properly and not disposed of in a way that would negatively impact the environment. |
| My motivation would be to reduce environmental impact and support sustainable practices in my community. |

| Avid Recycler |
|---|
| I have recycled items for years. |
| I already recycle so this would be easy to remember. best motivation is recyling center near home. |
| I am an avid recycler of everything that can be recycled |
| I believe strongly and recycling and repurposing. Better for the Earth - better for us all. |
| I recycle everything I can. As a family we do. If it take a special trip, that's what it takes. I didn't know paint/hardware store will take old paint. I'll have to check that out. |
| If I know it can be recycled, I would take to nearest recycling center. I am big on recycling but have not done it for leftover paint cans. |
| Always like to do my part in recycling |
| Everything that can be recycled is important to do |
| I try to recycle as much as possible as it's good to continue to use things that can be recycled not just due to overflowing landfills and contamination but so new items can be made from old. |

**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Sample Comments* – Safety/Wellness Concerns

| Safety/Wellness |
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| "I would recycle to ensure the paint is disposed of safety, protecting my family and community from hazardous waste." |
| A safe and easy way to get out of the house |
| A safe way to dispose and potentially save money |
| As someone who's job focuses on environmental health I'm a huge proponent of recycling |
| because it is the best way to disposal of leftover paint and you can be reassured that it is the safest way. |
| Ensuring the safety of our environment and it's inhabitants. |
| Environmental safety, responsibility, helping others with having affordable paint options |
| Environmental safety. |
| Honestly, I'd recycle leftover paint so it doesn't end up polluting the environment or sitting in my garage forever. It feels good knowing it can be reused or disposed of safely, and it helps keep my community cleaner. |
| I would be happy to recycle it if I knew where to take it. I feel like it'd be healthier and better used that way. |
| I'd feel better knowing that leftover paint was being disposed of properly, safeguarding environment and humans from any toxic leftovers. |
| It would be a safer more responsible means of disposal |
| Keep chemicals out of our landfills and to dispose of safely |
| My personal motivation for recycling leftover paint in the future would be to protect the environment, reduce waste in landfills, and ensure that the paint is safely and responsibly reused rather than contaminating soil or water. It also feels good to contribute to a sustainable solution and set a positive example for others. |
| My personal motivation for recycling leftover paint would be to protect the environment and ensure hazardous materials are handled safely, while also freeing up storage space at home. |
| My personal motivation is to be first to protect the environment and also avoid any waste and hazard health problems |
| My personal motivation would be to dispose of the leftover paint in a safe. Healthy and non hazardous way so it does not affect any other people possibly. |
| So that it is taken care of safely or used |
| to keep my home safe and allow others to use leftovers for smaller projects. |
| Because it's toxic and you want to take it to a facility where it will be properly disposed of or recycled |
| Because that seems least harmful |
| I have always wondered where toxic materials are disposed. I love that paint is also something that can be recycled! I will spread word if I come upon it and also do this myself :) |
| That stuff doesn't disappear and it has toxic effects on wildlife and waterways. |



**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Sample Comments* – Decluttering Motivations

| Declutter |
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| Because I was never sure what to do with the leftovers so they just accumulated in my basement |
| Clear out space and make sure it gets used. |
| Don't like clutter |
| don't need it, takes up space |
| Easy way to get rid of it and not having it stored into my house |
| Get it out of my garage instead of letting it dry out and put it into the trash. |
| Get rid of unwanted space in our garage or basement |
| Getting it out of my way  to reduce clutter in my Area |
| I already like to recycle my trash and any item in my household such as clothes that'll go to donation. I enjoy the idea of being able to take something and find a way to reuse it so that we can avoid adding it to the landfill and doing more damage to the world. Knowing paint can be recycled is a game changer and should be a knowledgeable tool to know as I'm sure there a ton of people that have left over paint to which they have no idea what to do with so they either discard it incorrectly or it sits somewhere in the basement collecting dust. |
| I don't have a lot of space, so getting rid of it is a priority. And I would like to do it the proper way. |
| I want to keep the water system clean and want to avoid cluttering my house |
| I would like to do my part to help with the environment, as well as free up space in my cellar where I store my paint cans |
| I would like to get rid of it but I tend to store it because I don't know what else to do |
| if i can recycle paint I would rather it be recycled than sit in a garage going unused and it's not great for the environment either. |
| It seems like a way better way to get rid of the paint then letting it sit in my basement |
| So it doesn't end up in my basement |
| So that I don't have many paint cans in my garage |
| To get rid of all the cans and buckets I have stored in the garage |



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# Sample Comments* – Waste Reduction Motivatations

| Waste Reduction |
| --- |
| Conservation of resources. Less waste. |
| Convenience and to reduce waste. |
| Cutting down on waste and environmental hazards |
| Environmental responsibility and reducing waste. I want to do my part to protect the environment and ensure paint doesn't end up in landfills where it could harm soil and water quality. |
| For future projects, reducing waste and protecting the enviornment. |
| I always want to be efficient and not wasteful, recycling is a good way of accomplishing that. |
| I don't like to waste things or add too landfills. |
| I try my best to recycle as much household waste as possible so that it doesn't end up in the landfill. |
| I usually purchase recycled paint, I would recycle my leftover paint to prevent any possible contamination in waste facilities and it's better for the environment. |
| I want to make sure we don't dispose of toxic materials improperly and that items will not be wasted. |
| I would most motivated for recycling leftover paint in the future because it reduce waste, save environment from pollution. |
| It's better for the environment and anything to reduce waste is something I am personally interested in |
| Knowing that recycling leftover paint is beneficial for the environment and keeps dangerous chemicals out of landfills and water is what personally motivates me to do so. Recycling gives me comfort in knowing that waste is being handled properly because I dislike the idea of it just lying about or posing a risk. |
| My main motivation for recycling leftover paint in the future would be to reduce environmental waste and keep harmful chemicals out of landfills. |
| My main motivation is environmental responsibility, keeping waste out of landfills, and conserving resources. |
| My motivation is that I don't like waste.& if it can be used, or not the hardware store will know exactly what to do with it. I just had no idea before now that where I bought it, would take it back. Of course I will call first to make sure of. |
| My motivation would be reducing environmental waste and promoting sustainable resource use. |
| My personal motivation for recycling leftover paint would be to help protect the environment and reduce waste by keeping harmful materials out of landfills. |
| My personal motivation would be to reduce waste and ensure the paint is handled in an environmentally responsible way. |
| Not contributing to hazardous waste and enjoying circular economy dynamics |
| So that it doesn't so harm to the environment or waste water system |
| So that others would be able to use it, so that it does not go to waste. |
| To help protect the environment and reduce waste while giving leftover paint a useful second life. |
| To reduce waste and contamination |
| To save on waste. |
| I feel bad about wasting stuff like this |



**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Sample Comments* – Reuse Motivations

| Re-Use |
| --- |
| Allowing it to be reused and preventing additional paint from being sent to landfills. |
| Because I believe in providing for others to reuse |
| Because someone else could use it. |
| Because when you recycle it can be made into someone else's treasure (one man's trash is another man's treasure) |
| Better for the environment and possibly someone else could use it. |
| Better to recycle than discard.  Maybe someone else can use it. |
| Can helps someone else out at a cheaper price - good for the environment |
| Cleaner environment and reduce the need for manufacturing new paint. Why make more when you can recycle and reuse. |
| Give someone else the chance to get paint they normally  may not be able to afford. And someone  can use the paint that normally would be tossed out |
| Having someone else use it first, and then it would be properly disposed of if no one wanted it. |
| I already recycled as much as I can. I'm a crafter and I like to reuse things if possible and I want to take care of the earth is best as I can by doing my part. |
| I am all for recycling objects so that they don't end up in landfills and are able to be reused |
| I just like the fact of being able to reuse something instead of just throwing it away |
| I think recycling is a great way to get rid of stuff so it can be reused |
| I would like it to be reused if possible. I would hate to waste anything that could be reused. |
| I would love for the paint to be reused and not placed in a dump |
| I would prefer that it be recycled if someone else has a use for it. Or maybe I could reuse it after the process, I'd be interested to research further. |
| I would recycle leftover paint to reduce environment impact, prevent hazardous materials from entering landfills or waterways, and make sure the paint can be reused rather than wasted. |
| If I can no longer use it myself, I'd prefer to recycle leftover paint so that it can be of use to someone else and/or that I don't contribute to an environmental hazard. |
| If someone can truly reuse it for whatever purpose, it's better than a hazardous waste facility just getting rid of it. |
| It could be used by someone else instead of throwing it away. |
| It's the environmentally responsible way to dispose of excess paint. If I had enough extra paint that I knew I would not use but that someone else could, I would take it to the Habitat for Humanity store. |
| It's the right thing to do rather it's paint or anything that can be recycled or reused. |
| Maybe be able to help someone else out with the paint i recycle |
| My motivation would be that someone else will be able to use it and it won't go in waste. |
| My personal motivation for recycling leftover paint would be to protect the environment and avoid polluting water or soil. Recycling also helps reduce waste at home and gives the paint a chance to be reused instead of being thrown away. |
| My primary motivation for recycling leftover paint is environmental responsibility, as it ensures proper disposal and reuse rather than contributing to landfills. It's also about doing my part for the community by keeping our local area clean and setting a good example for my kids. It's a simple action that aligns with my values as a progressive person who works in the energy and utilities sector. |
| Rather than have the paint sit around forever, I would want it to be used by someone else or disposed of properly if nobody else wanted it. |
| So I don't waste it and someone else can use it |
| Someone else could probably use my paint. |

**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Sample Comments* - Knowledge that I Can and Financial Motivations

| New Knowledge That Paint Can Be Recycled |
|---|
| Because I saw a commercial for the other day and I didn't know you could do that |
| Giving it to those who need it more perhaps. I didn't know you could do that! |
| I didn't know that paint was recyclable or that it was bad for the environment to throw it away. I care for the environment and want to do my part by recycling what I can. |
| I didn't know you can, now I dont have to ask everyone do they need paint, just to get rid of the extra |
| I just didn't know it could be recycled. Now that I do I will recycle it because recycling is good for the environment. |
| I like to do things the right way. I didn't know it could be recycled till now. Now I know |
| Because I have the right information to dispose any leftover paint for recycling |
| Because I learned left over paint is recyclable |
| New information thank you |
| I learned a little more about this. |
| Knowing the information now & making sure it is disposed of properly at a recycle facility. |
| Now that I know, it makes a great deal of sense. |
| Simply knowing where and how. |
| I tend to recycle/upcycle things and if I knew this could be done I would do it. |

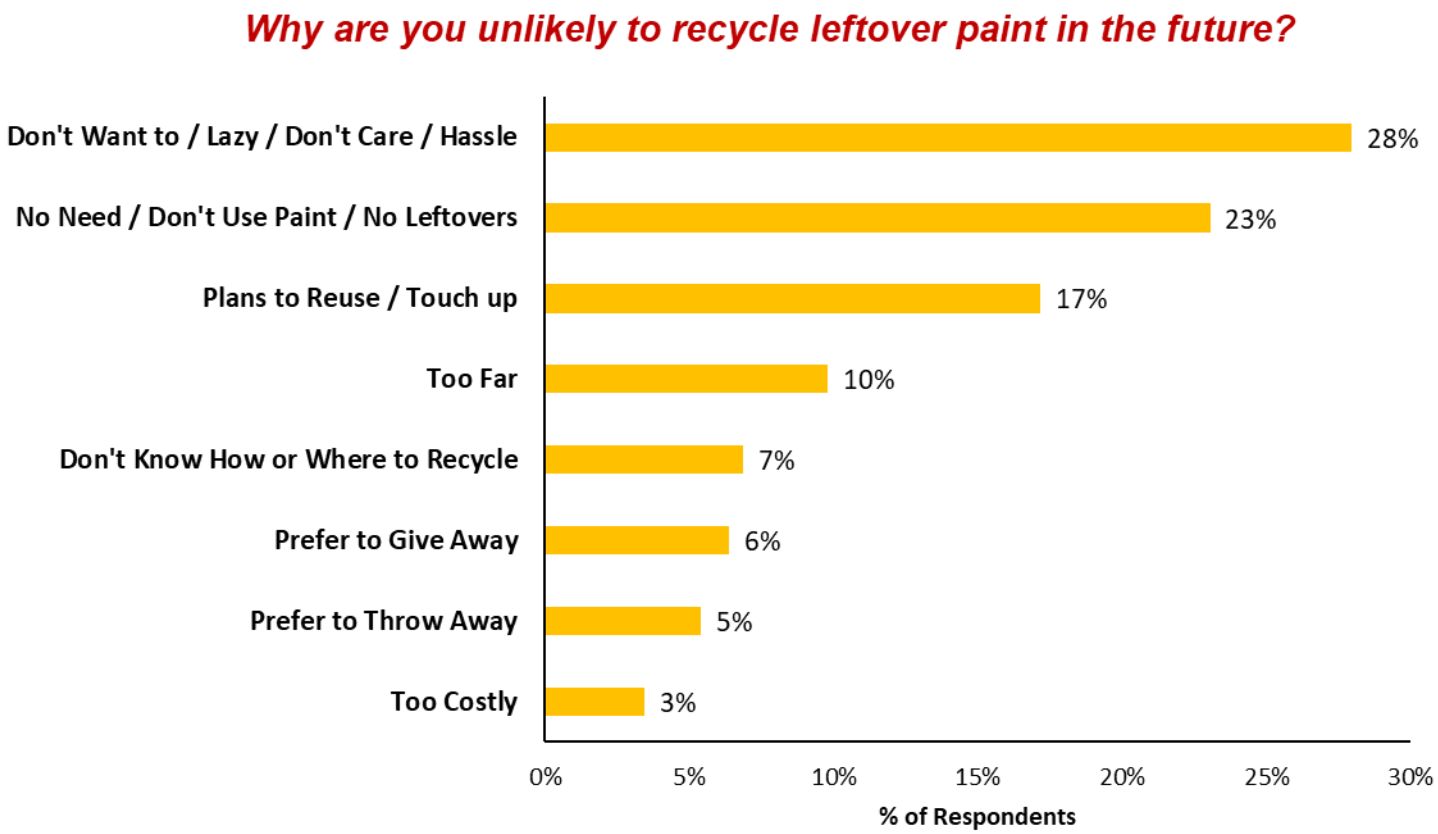
| Financial Motivations |
|---|
| A coupon for next paint purchase |
| By recycling paint I'm saving some money |
| Cleanliness, a voucher system would be helpful! |
| For people who don't have money can use it, it doesn't go to waste and it doesn't wind hurting something or someone |
| I keep it to myself instead of giving to somebody else because it cost me some money to get it |
| it can help save money |
| To save money for others, while having paint put to use without it being thrown out. |
| For some extra change |
| Getting compensated for recycling or taking back whatever paint i have. |
| A discount on future paint |
| Incentive |



**full comments list provided in separate file*

# Open-Ended Commentary: Recycling Obstacles

- The most prevalent obstacle was that recycling paint was perceived as a hassle/inconvenient (28% of those unlikely to recycle).
- About a quarter (23%) said they wouldn't recycle paint because they didn't paint and/or wouldn't have any to dispose in the future.
- Slightly fewer (17%) said they would rather keep and/or re-use leftover paint.
- Others said it was too far away to a drop-off location (10%), they didn't know where/how to recycle (7%) or preferred other disposal methods (11%).
- The complete set of comments is provided in the following pages.
- *Note: Data is not shown for individual states/the district due to low sample sizes.*




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# Comments – Don't Want to / Lazy / Don't Care / Hassle

| Don't Want to / Lazy / Don't Care / Hassle | |
|---|---|
| Too much work | It's too much trouble. |
| To much work. I would rather use it and whatever is left i throw away not always able to go far out of my way. Best to try and use all paint in future. | too much effort - line is too long |
| Yes, way too much of a hassle. And ill probably keep left over paint for touch ups in the future | too much hastle, and I would need to make a real extra effort |
| It just one more thing to deal with. Generally I want some for touch ups anyway | I may forget such exists |
| Because it is an unconvenient thing to do and would annoy me going out of my way to just get rid of a gallon of paint. | I might do it if it is easy |
| Leftover paint is the absolute least of our worries when it comes to the environment, pollution, or recycling. this is just ridiculous to waste my time taking paint to be recycled. I just use it up the majority on some scrap wood, let the small amount in the can dry up, and toss it. | just not on my to do list |
| Too much hassle and don't think there's a place near me. | I might forget that I can recycle paint |
| Too much work and too far | Why who would want it |
| Not worth the drive and the wait in line to recycle it. Gas is way too expensive in Washington State. | Because I don't care about recycling anything |
| Its only a little and not worth time or effort | It is a hassle |
| Time | It sounds like a lot of work. |
| it just seems like work that i dont have time for | Lot of effort. |
| I just don't have the time for that | When I've gone to recycling center the people there are very rude |
| It is impracticable | I dont care enough to make the effort. |
| It means I have to go out of my way and I don't have time for that. | I don't see myself going any distance to recycle paint. I do not own a vehicle and walking with a heavy can of paint is not what I would do. |
| Probably going to forget to do this in the future by the time I paint | It is too much inconvenience. |
| In my city, we have special days when you can recycle hazardous materials, but there is always a long line and it's always on weekends. I work, and so that's when I need to do household work and errands. If it was curbside recyclable, I'd recycle every single time. | It is too much of a hassle. |
| Seems like a waste of time | Because I'll forget |
| Time expense | Don't want to |
| I'd rather save myself time and throw it in the trash unless I had a large amount then I would consider recycling | Don't care |
| I'm busy with two kids and a full-time job. Driving somewhere to take some paint isn't a high priority. If there's a pick-up program, that would be great | dont want to |
| It's a hassle | Hassle |
| I'm lazy. | I don't want to |
| I'm pretty lazy and I like to save things for the future. | I've never been interested in recycling paint. Maybe I would try it, but I don't know. |
| I'm lazy. | No car |
| Too lazy | To much work |
| not a concern | I don't give a... |
| Don't want to research where to take it. | It would be a pain to take somewhere. |

# Comments – No Need or Prefers to Throw Away

| No Need / Don't Use Paint / No Leftovers | |
|---|---|
| because I use it up | I just don't deal with paint and also I feel like it would be hard to recycle paint. |
| I rarely have leftover paint. Any small amounts I dry out and put in trash. | No projects |
| less than a gallon most times | i always use my left over paint |
| I use all my stuff last time I had a half can paint left and my sons playing busted a giant hole in my wall I had to patch u | won;t have paint |
| I don't have any paint. | The amount would be minimal |
| I won't be using paint in the foreseeable future | I dont plan on having leftover paint |
| Because I always use it all. I never have leftover paint that I cannot I cannot use somewhere. | Don't need to |
| Because I don't have a reason to buy paint | I don't ever buy paint |
| I don't paint | I usually do not have much paint left over and I go to the transfer station quite often. |
| Because I never painted so I don't have paint | I don't buy paint I get someone to do it for me |
| Cause I don't have any | I just don't see a need to |
| do not use paint | I'm a renter |
| I don't own any | I hire it out now |
| Really never have any left | Want have any |
| I use it all. | Don't plan on painting. |
| Don't have much left. Not worth it | I don't use paint |
| I don't paint | I don't use paint |
| I don't paint | I don't need paint |
| because I don't paint. | I'm not painting |
| Because I don't have any left over paint | No need to |
| Don't paint | Because I don't use paint |
| Don't have much | I don't buy paint |
| I only buy the amount I need and use it all | don't need to |

| Prefer to Throw Away | |
|---|---|
| Because I eventually use it up dry out the can and dispose of the can. | I rarely have leftover paint. Any small amounts I dry out and put in trash. |
| After I'm done I would discard unused paint or store unused paint away | I would put kitty litter and trash it |
| Dunno. I'd rather just throw it away discretely. | I don't know where to do so |
| I think how I dispose of it is fine | I recycle it myself for art projects by hardening it and slicing up the results. |
| The can is never fully empty so the trash is the best option rather than recycling can paint that is not fully empty | I will hold on to it until it's bad. Then throw it out. |
| Because I prefer to pour down the drain | |

# Comments – Plans to Re-use or Give Away

| Plans to Reuse / Touch up | |
|---|---|
| I don't know where to go, or how to do it. If it's easy, I'll consider it. But what's more likely is, I'll just keep it until I might need it, and maybe leave it for the next occupant of my house. | Might need to use it again |
| After I'm done I would discard unused paint or store unused paint away | Yes, way too much of a hassle. And ill probably keep left over paint for touch ups in the future |
| We save it to use later or give to family | I may need it in the future, for touch up, etc. |
| To much work. I would rather use it and whatever is left i throw away not always able to go far out of my way. Best to try and use all paint in future. | It just one more thing to deal with. Generally I want some for touch ups anyway |
| To reuse it | Because I may use it in the future |
| I would keep it for possible touchups in the future. | I still would have to use it someday, and I don't why keeping leftover paint is bad |
| If the leftover paint is usable, I will keep it for touchups or another project. If it is not usable, I will take it to the recycling center for disposal. | because I tend to keep my left-over paint incase i or someone around me needs any |
| It can be stored and used for later if necessary | It is just an extra step when I can put it somewhere and forget about it |
| because i can use it still or someone i know can use it | Always will have a use for it |
| IDK PERFER TO USE IT UP OR NEED IT FOR TOUCH UPS | I may have use if it later on. |
| Might use it again | I'll find something cool to do with it |
| I usually just keep it for the future | I'll use old paint first on something |
| I will keep it in case I need it again | I. Keep. My. Paint. |
| I dont usually recycle things that i can always reuse, but if i wasnt going to use the gallons of pain i have leftover I probably would recycle it then. | So I can paint with it |
| Because I can always use it for touch up or use it for something else | Save for other projects |
| Because if I pay for it I'm going to use it eventually and not loose money by not using it | It's easy to keep left over in case |
| I keep it until I use it all up. | Just if I don't need the rxtra |
| I'll use it | |

| Prefer to Give Away | |
|---|---|
| Well Ballou High School in Washington DC have students who will pick up unwanted paints at no cost. | I want to recycle the left over paint in order to help needy relatives |
| It just seems like something that would make me go out of my way to recycle paint when I know that there is someon | Donate to family |
| Someone else can use it | I would give the leftover paint away if it were still good. |
| Why recycle when I save to use later or donate to someone who can use it as is? | Because I'll find someone who wants/needs it |
| Same as always, donate it to local school. They use it for projects in different classes. | I give to the habitat for humanity. They sell at a discount and make money to build houses for low income familys. |
| I typically give it away | We save it to use later or give to family |
| Because I usually give it away | |

# Comments – All Other Obstacles

| Don't Know How or Where to Recycle | |
|---|---|
| It just seems like something that would make me go out of my way to recycle paint when I know that there is someon | I don't know where to bring it |
| i would like to recycle paint if a place to do so is near enough by | because i don't know any places that does that. |
| Don't know where the recycling place is. | i would if i knew where to do so |
| I don't know where to go, or how to do it. If it's easy, I'll consider it. But what's more likely is, I'll just keep it until I mig | insufficient information |
| The stores charge the paint fee, but they don't accept the cans back. | don't where to go |
| I don't know how to recycle paint | nowhere to take it |
| Tell me where | I don't know any place that would take leftover paint. |

| Too Far | |
|---|---|
| I am unlikely to recycle left over paint because my experience is these recycle days are not at convenient times or locations for me. | Location far away |
| Too much hassle and don't think there's a place near me. | To much work. I would rather use it and whatever is left i throw away not always able to go far out of my way. Best to try and use all paint in future. |
| Its too far away. Not convenient | Because it is super old and not that much and the hazardous waste facility is closer |
| Getting to the location | I don't use paint. |
| No place near me to do this. Otherwise, I would do it in a heartbeat. | I don't want to drive far to recycling ctr |
| There are no paint recycling locations near where I live. | It would be out of my way |
| Location | No place close to where I live does that |
| no facility nearby | Hazardous waste facility is closer. |
| the drop off times and locations are likely not convienient to my home. | I doubt that there is anyplace near where we live to recycle paint. |
| Recycling location is far away. | I probably wont want to take the trip to bring it or have someone come pick it up. |

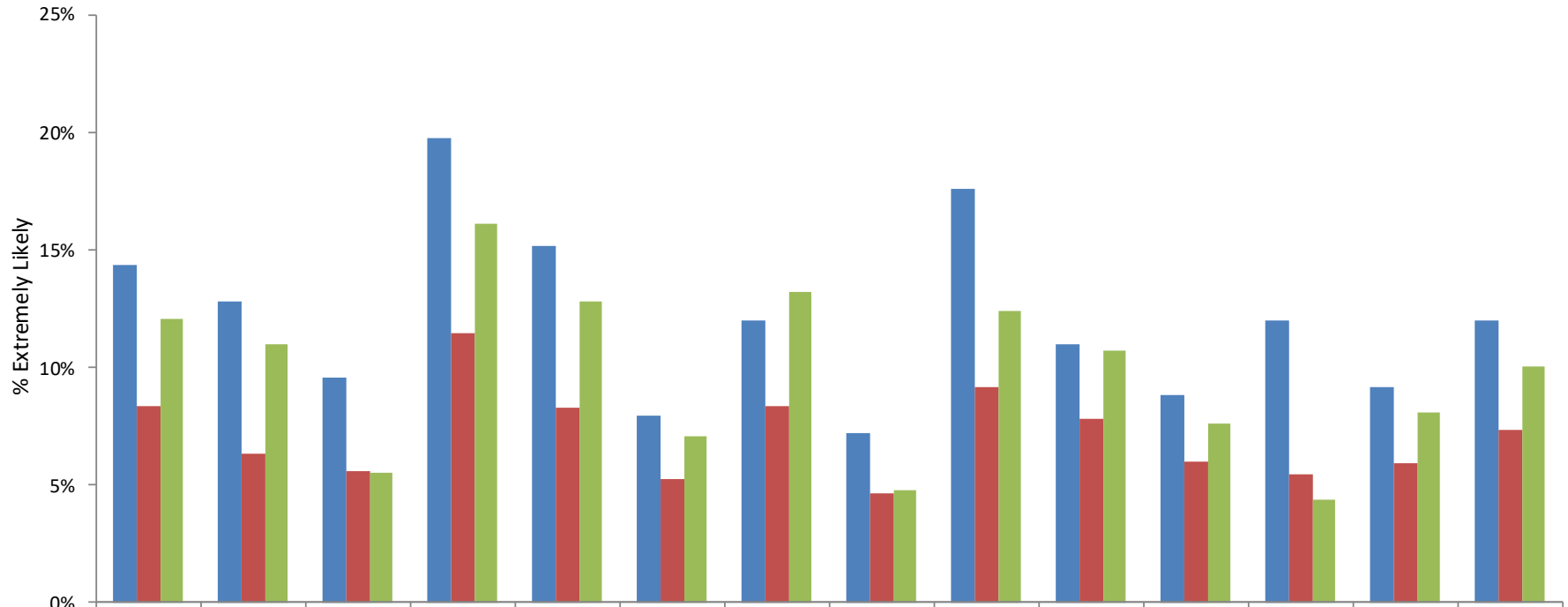
| Too Costly | |
|---|---|
| Drop off locations I know of are once a year events that you are charged for the amount. Places like Home Depot or Lowes do not have these services. | Because like anything else I've been responsible for recycling I am not only having to interact with individuals I would normally not interact with, but also charged a recycling fee. |
| Cost of doing so | because in my area recycling paint is not free they charge as much as $5/can or bucket |
| Cost of recycling | Not worth the drive and the wait in line to recycle it. Gas is way too expensive in Washington State. |

# ADVERTISING AND MARKETING CONSIDERATIONS

# PaintCare Awareness

- Overall, 12% of respondents said they had heard of PaintCare before.
- Awareness was much lower among end-consumers (7%) than professional painters (58%).*
- It was slightly higher among end consumers who bought paint in the last year (10%) than among all end consumers (7%)

***Have you ever heard of PaintCare, the program that sets up sites that take paint for recycling?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 14% | 13% | 10% | 20% | 15% | 8% | 12% | 7% | 18% | 11% | 9% | 12% | 9% | 12% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 8% | 6% | 6% | 11% | 8% | 5% | 8% | 5% | 9% | 8% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 7% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 12% | 11% | 6% | 16% | 13% | 7% | 13% | 5% | 12% | 11% | 8% | 4% | 8% | 10% |

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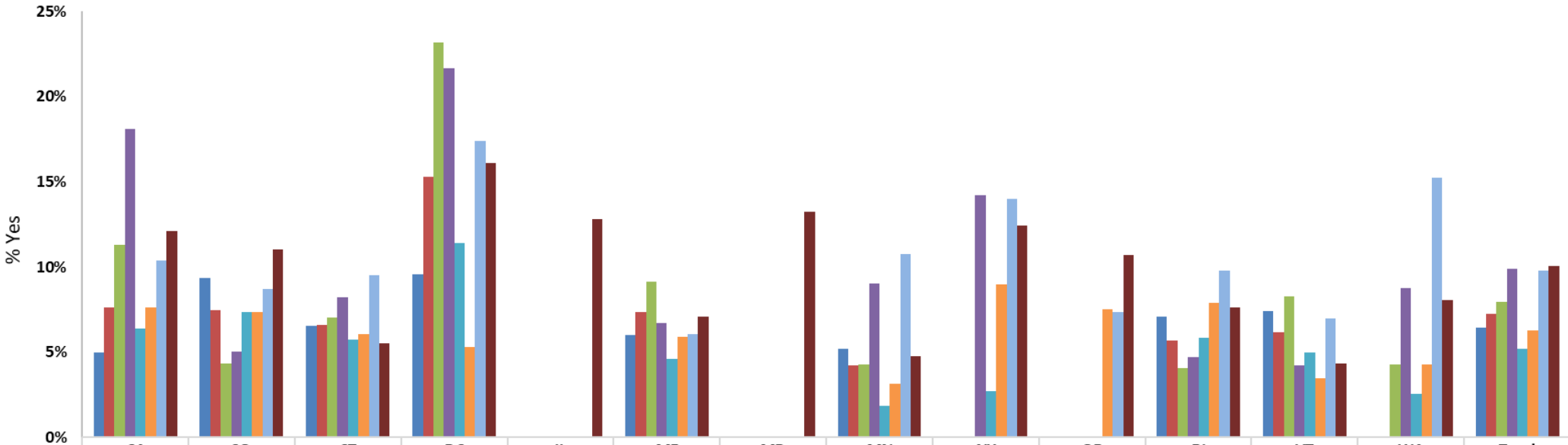


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# TREND: PaintCare Awareness, Recent End-Consumer Purchasers

- The percentage of end-consumer respondents who had heard of PaintCare was the same in 2025 as in 2024 (10%).
- Results varied by state/district. The biggest gain was in Oregon. Drops in brand awareness were seen in Minnesota and Washington.

## TREND: Heard of PaintCare, Non-Pros Who Purchased Paint in the Last Year

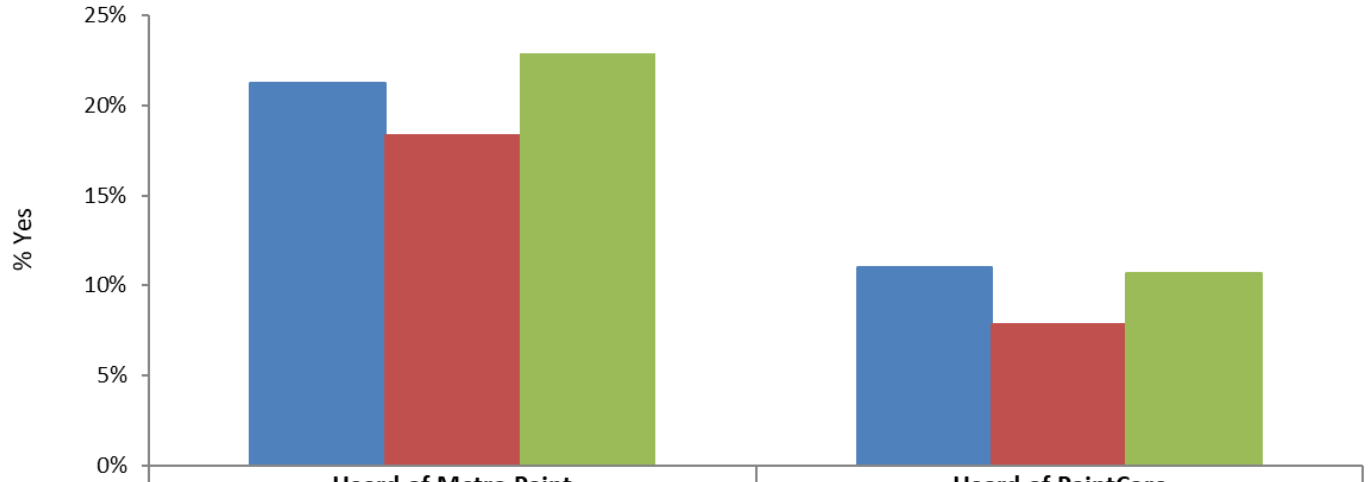



| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
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| 2018 | 5% | 9% | 7% | 10% | | 6% | | 5% | | | 7% | 7% | | 6% |
| 2019 | 8% | 7% | 7% | 15% | | 7% | | 4% | | | 6% | 6% | | 7% |
| 2020 | 11% | 4% | 7% | 23% | | 9% | | 4% | | | 4% | 8% | 4% | 8% |
| 2021 | 18% | 5% | 8% | 22% | | 7% | | 9% | 14% | | 5% | 4% | 9% | 10% |
| 2022 | 6% | 7% | 6% | 11% | | 5% | | 2% | 3% | | 6% | 5% | 3% | 5% |
| 2023 | 8% | 7% | 6% | 5% | | 6% | | 3% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 3% | 4% | 6% |
| 2024 | 10% | 9% | 9% | 17% | | 6% | | 11% | 14% | 7% | 10% | 7% | 15% | 10% |
| 2025 | 12% | 11% | 6% | 16% | 13% | 7% | 13% | 5% | 12% | 11% | 8% | 4% | 8% | 10% |

# Metro Paint Awareness

- About twice as many Oregon respondents were familiar with Metro Paint (21%) than PaintCare (11%).
- This ratio also held true for all end consumers and those who purchased in the last year.

***OREGON ONLY:** Have you ever heard of Metro Paint, another site in Oregon that has accepted paint for recycling in the past?*



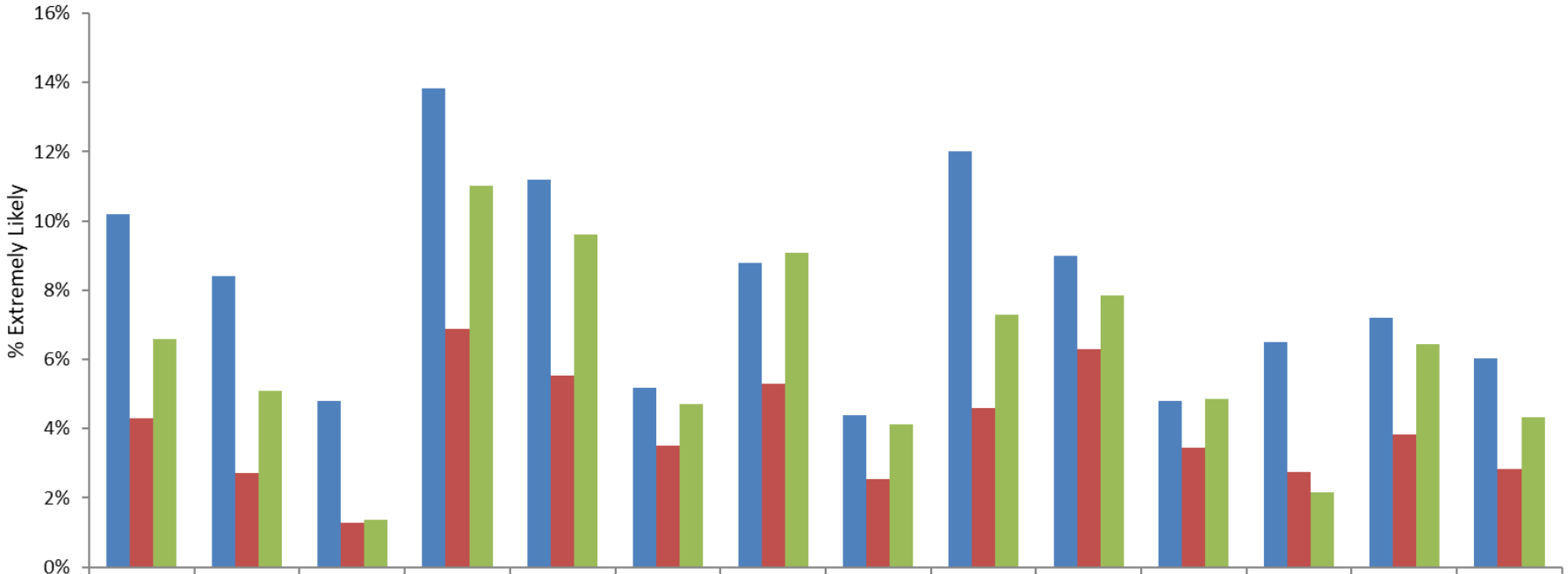

| | Heard of Metro Paint | Heard of PaintCare |
|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 21% | 11% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 18% | 8% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 23% | 11% |

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# Ad Recall

- 6% of respondents recalled a PaintCare ad (or Metro ad in Oregon), about the same as last year (7%).
- Non-professionals were much less likely to have encountered an ad (3%) than professional painters (44%).
- Recent purchasers were slightly more likely to have encountered an ad (4%) than all end consumers (3%).

***Do you recall seeing or hearing an advertisement about paint recycling, PaintCare (OR only: and/or Metro Paint) in the last several months?***




| | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Respondents | 10% | 8% | 5% | 14% | 11% | 5% | 9% | 4% | 12% | 9% | 5% | 7% | 7% | 6% |
| Non-Pro Painters | 4% | 3% | 1% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 5% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Non-Pro, Purchased in Last Year | 7% | 5% | 1% | 11% | 10% | 5% | 9% | 4% | 7% | 8% | 5% | 2% | 6% | 4% |

Shown as a percentage of all respondents

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# Ad Recall Types

- Overall, TV was most frequently cited by respondents who remembered ads (typical response even when TV ads not running), followed by online advertising.
- Other common ad types varied by state/district, between radio, newspaper, billboard and mail.
- *Note: sample sizes are small by state/district; as such, results should be considered anecdotally.*

***What type(s) of ad(s) do you recall? Choose all that apply.***

| Ad Type | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TV | 63% | 67% | 42% | 63% | 71% | 31% | 55% | 64% | 70% | 53% | 50% | 46% | 33% | 57% |
| Online Advertisement | 63% | 38% | 58% | 60% | 64% | 31% | 68% | 36% | 57% | 49% | 33% | 38% | 61% | 53% |
| Newspaper | 37% | 38% | 58% | 54% | 46% | 38% | 50% | 27% | 47% | 28% | 17% | 46% | 50% | 39% |
| Radio | 29% | 33% | 33% | 46% | 25% | 54% | 27% | 27% | 40% | 31% | 25% | 54% | 28% | 34% |
| Billboard | 29% | 24% | 58% | 37% | 21% | 8% | 36% | 18% | 23% | 20% | 33% | 38% | 28% | 27% |
| Mailer sent to my home/business | 10% | 14% | 33% | 23% | 11% | 23% | 5% | 9% | 10% | 13% | 0% | 46% | 33% | 15% |
| Unsure | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% | 0% | 0% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 11% | 3% |

Shown as a percentage of those who recalled an ad



*N=CA 51; CO 21; CT 12; DC 35; IL 28; ME 13; MD 22; MN 11; NY 30; OR 108; RI 12; VT 13, WA 18; TOTAL 374*

# Recall of Other Marketing Measures

- Among those who had heard of PaintCare, word-of-mouth communication was the most common source of information in most states. HHW centers also play a key role in most states/the district.
- Brochures, social media, signs, displays and online research were all important methods as well.
- *Note: sample sizes are small by state/district; as such, results should be considered anecdotally.*

***Do you recall hearing about paint recycling, PaintCare (OR only: and/or Metro Paint) in any of the following other ways?***

| Communication Type | CA | CO | CT | DC | IL | ME | MD | MN | NY | OR | RI | VT | WA | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From a friend/relative/colleague | 51% | 38% | 38% | 38% | 42% | 15% | 46% | 44% | 52% | 34% | 36% | 21% | 39% | 41% |
| From my local hazardous waste center or transfer station | 38% | 34% | 46% | 50% | 29% | 15% | 29% | 22% | 48% | 27% | 18% | 29% | 30% | 35% |
| Sign/poster/display at a paint/hardware/lumber store | 33% | 28% | 25% | 42% | 32% | 50% | 43% | 33% | 23% | 19% | 36% | 33% | 35% | 34% |
| Facebook/social media | 33% | 28% | 25% | 32% | 39% | 20% | 39% | 17% | 41% | 22% | 23% | 21% | 43% | 32% |
| Brochure/card at a paint/hardware/lumber store | 25% | 16% | 25% | 32% | 37% | 35% | 14% | 11% | 34% | 18% | 18% | 38% | 30% | 27% |
| At one of PaintCare's one-day paint collection events | 26% | 6% | 25% | 30% | 24% | 15% | 29% | 17% | 20% | 8% | 14% | 21% | 22% | 22% |
| Mailed information | 28% | 16% | 25% | 16% | 24% | 10% | 11% | 17% | 18% | 9% | 18% | 13% | 13% | 19% |
| From my own online research (e.g. searched "how to get rid of paint") | 24% | 19% | 8% | 26% | 24% | 15% | 25% | 6% | 11% | 19% | 5% | 17% | 13% | 18% |
| None | 6% | 6% | 8% | 4% | 5% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 17% | 18% | 13% | 4% | 6% |
| Other* | 1% | 3% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 6% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 4% | 4% | 2% |

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**Other: news, recycle app, BRING in Eugene*

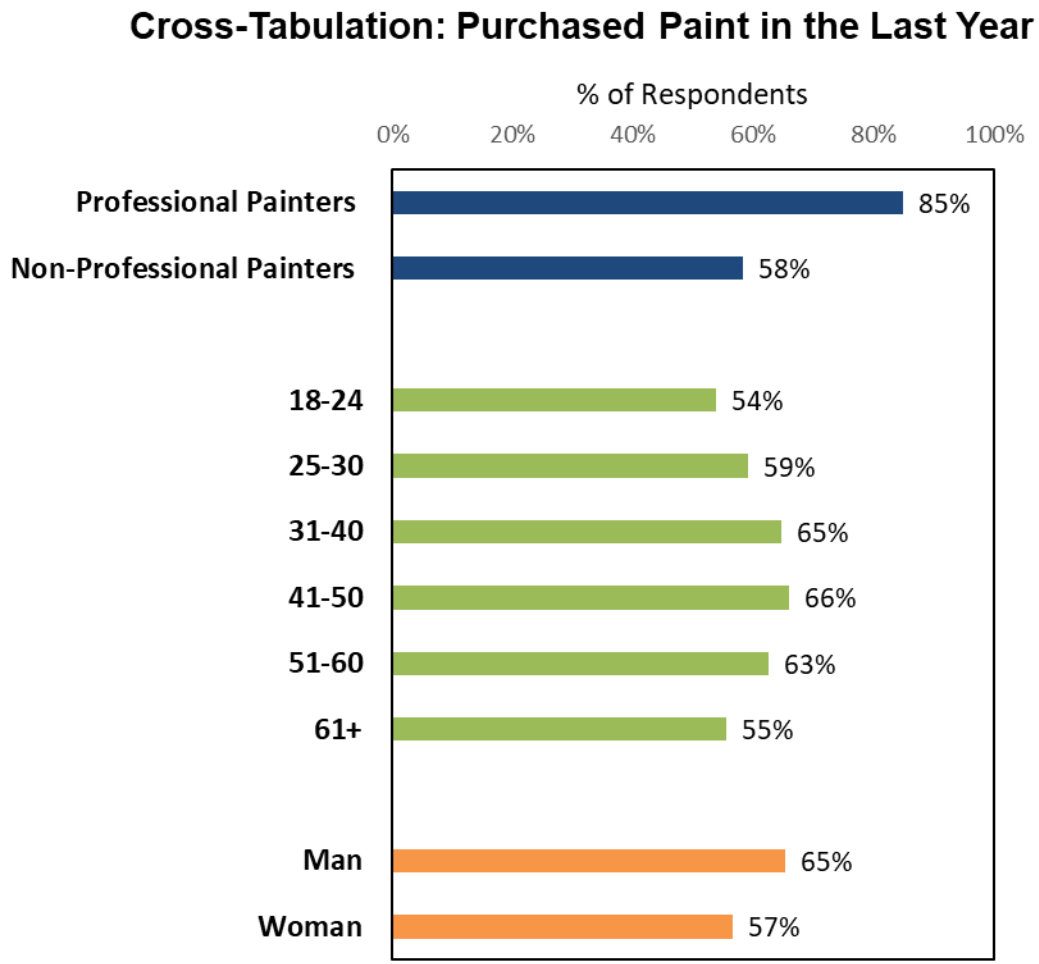


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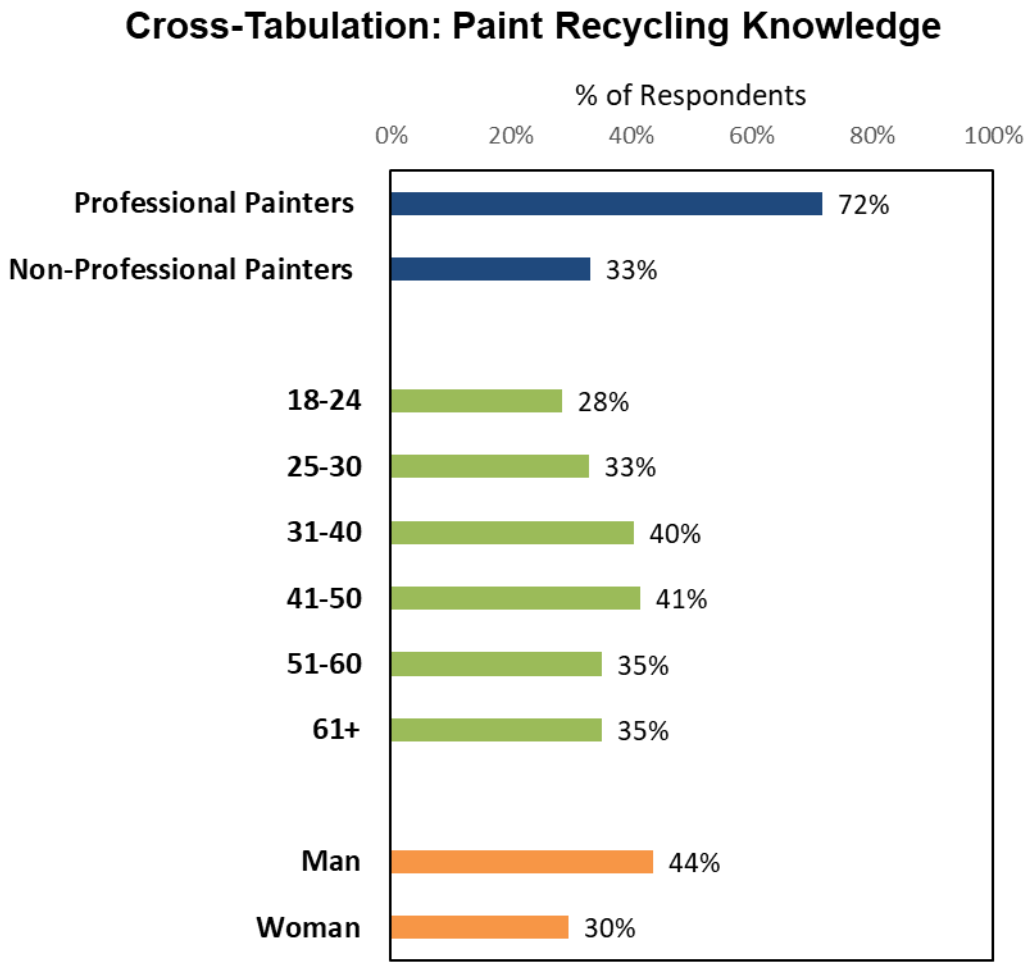
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# IMPACT OF PROFILES ON RESULTS
# (Cross-Tabs, All Respondents)

# Cross Tabulation – Paint Purchases



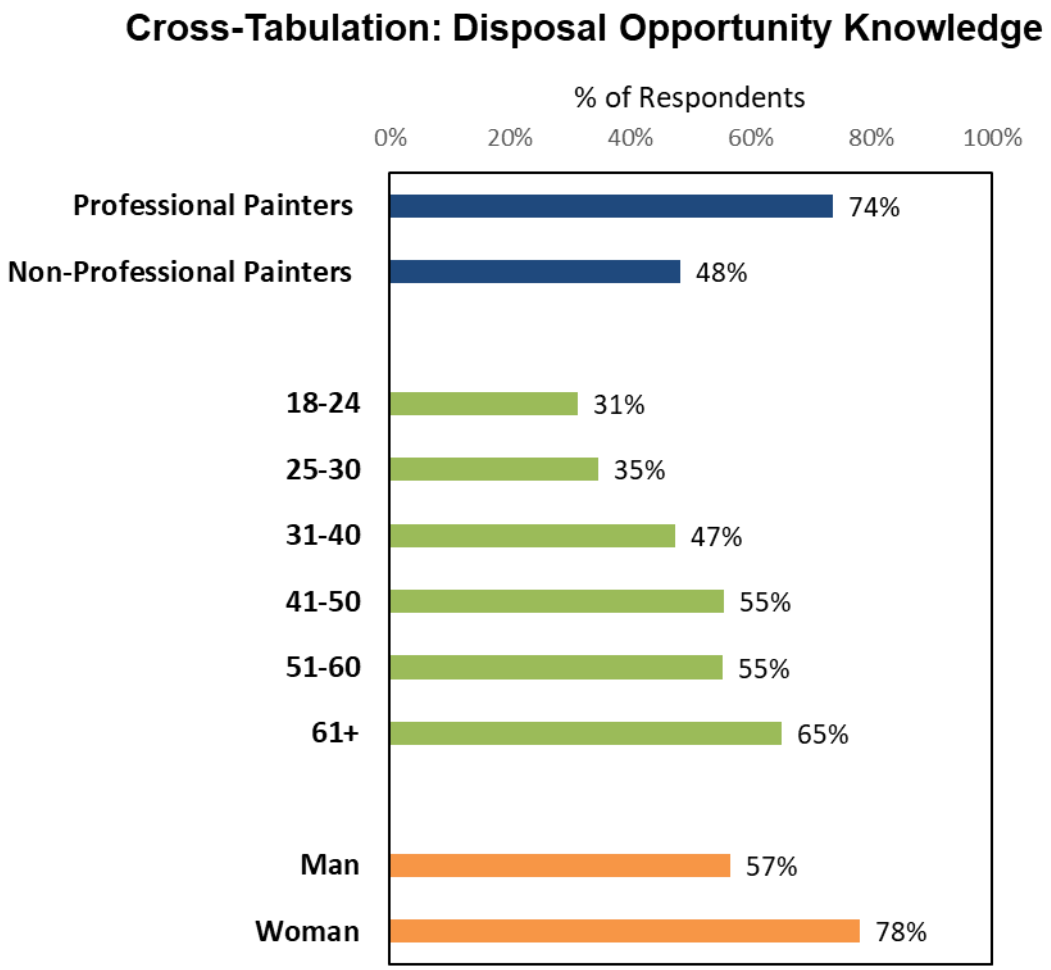

- As expected, professional painters purchased more often in the last year than non-professionals.
- Those in the 31-50 age range bought paint most often.
- Men purchased at a slightly higher rate than women.

# Cross Tabulation – Recycling Knowledge



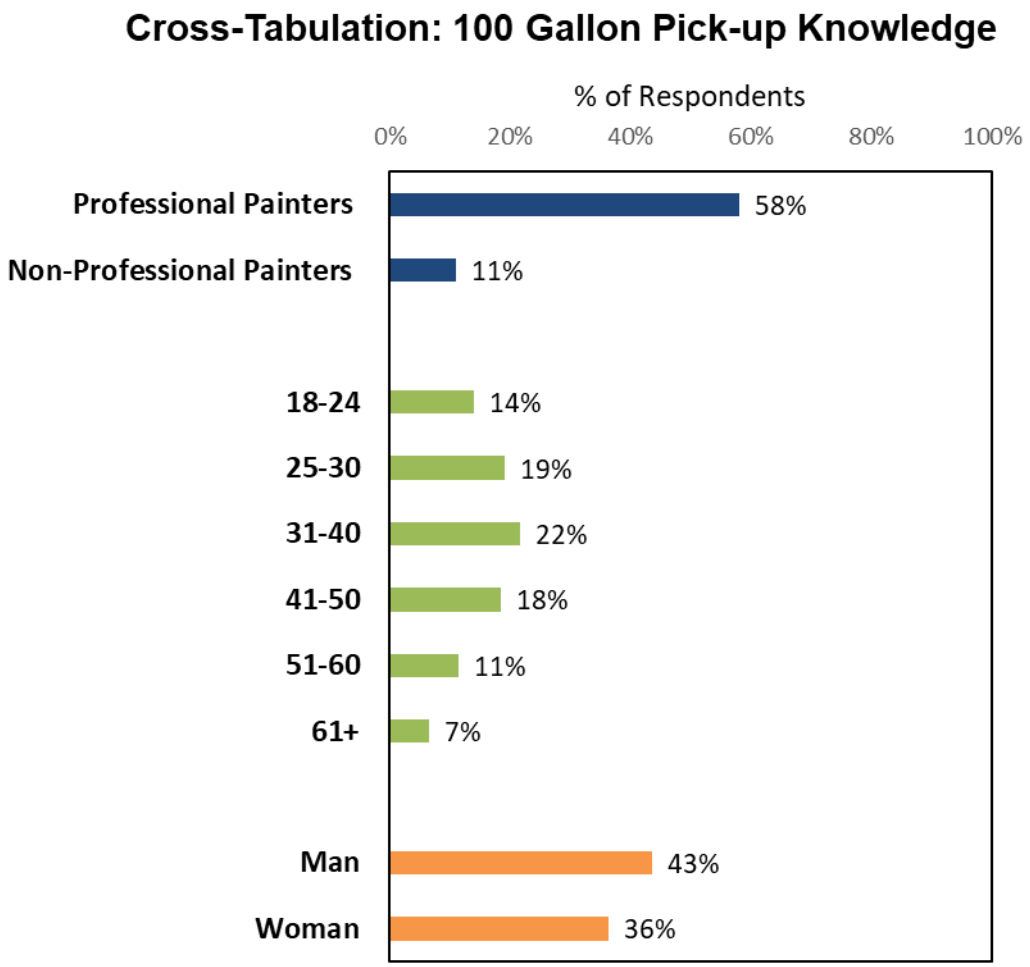

- Professional painters were more than twice as likely to know that paint can be recycled.
- Recycling knowledge was highest among 31 to 50 year-olds.
- Men were significantly more likely to know that paint can be recycled than women, as was the case in prior years.

# Cross Tabulation – Disposal Opportunities



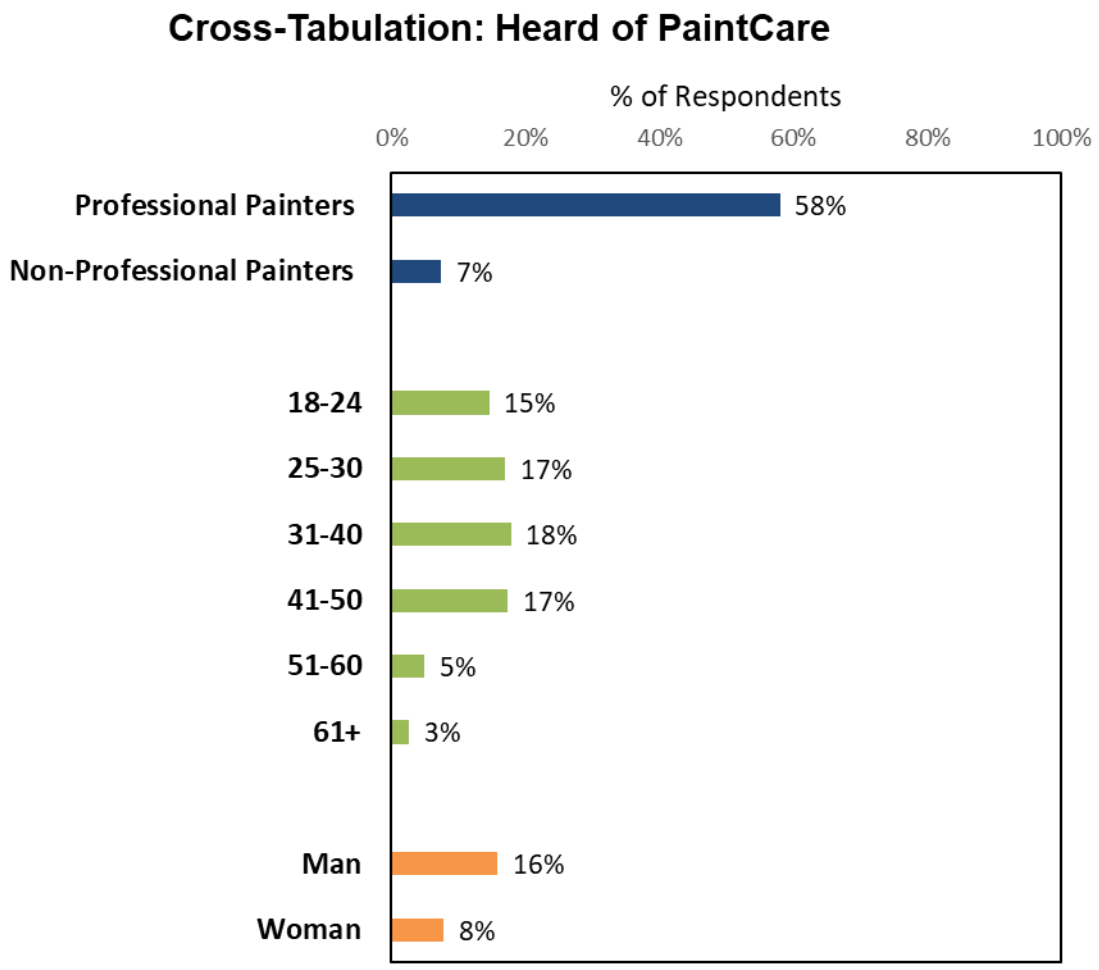

- Professional painters were more aware of drop-off opportunities than non-professionals.
- Knowledge of paint drop-off opportunities increases with age.
- Women were more knowledgeable about disposal opportunities.

# Cross Tabulation – Pick-up Service



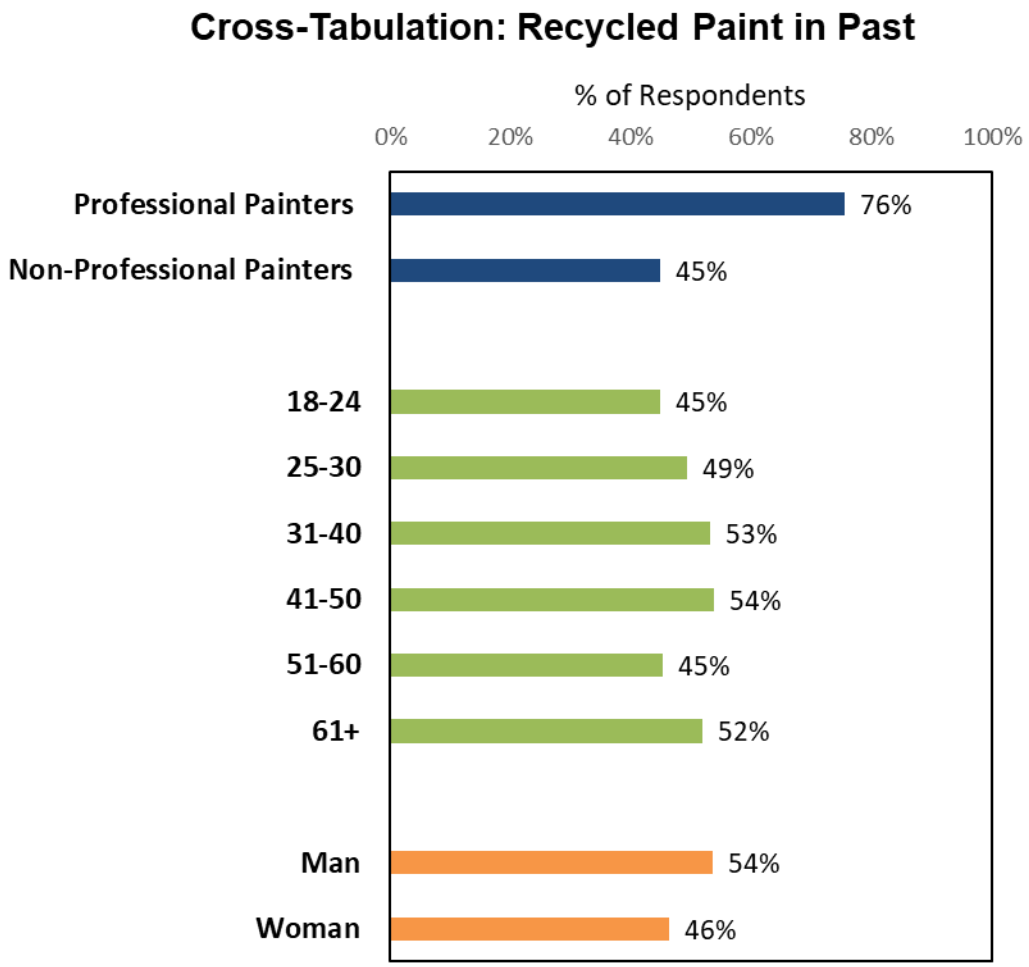

- As expected, professional painters were much more familiar with pick-up services than non-professionals (i.e., they are more likely to have 100+ gallons of paint on hand).
- Knowledge about free on-site pickup services was highest among 31 to 40 year-olds.
- More men were aware than women.

# Cross Tabulation – PaintCare Familiarity



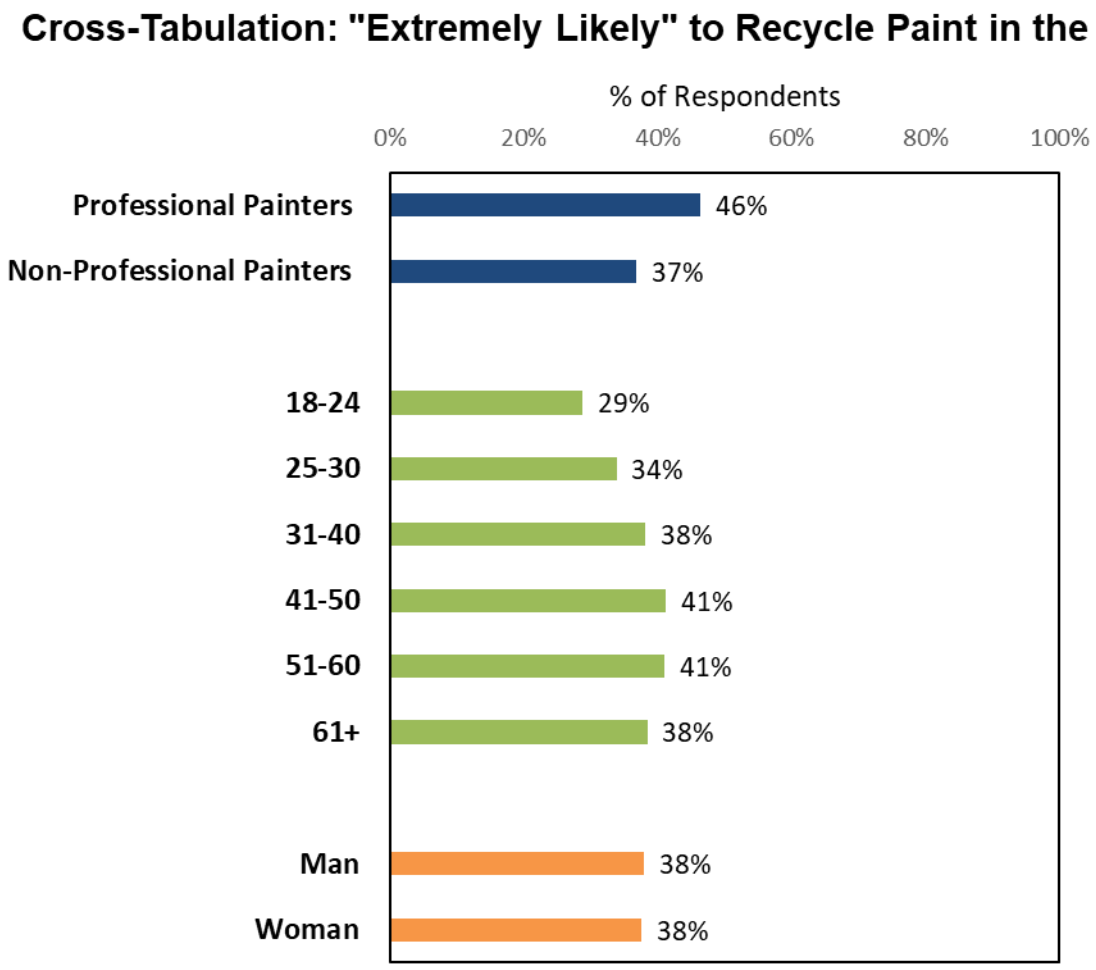

- Professional painters were much more aware of PaintCare than non-professionals.
- Awareness of PaintCare generally decreases after 50.
- More men had heard of PaintCare than women.

# Cross Tabulation – Past Paint Recycling Behaviors




- Professional painters were much more likely to have recycled in the past than non-professionals.
- Recycling experience is not predictable based on age.
- Slightly more men had recycled paint than women.

# Cross Tabulation – Future Paint Recycling Intentions




- Professional painters were more likely to recycle in the future than non-professionals.
- Intentions to recycle paint generally increase with age.
- Intentions were the same among men and women.

# APPENDIX 2:
# STATE/DISTRICT RESULTS
# (UNDER SEPARATE FILE)

# Appendix E




# Drop Off Site Guidelines

This document contains detailed information on PaintCare's program guidelines and operations procedures. In combination with the state-specific guidelines, it is designed to be used by new staff for self-training and for site refresher training without PaintCare staff.

Note: The supplemental training slides included in the training binder summarize only the most important information from these Drop-Off Site Guidelines. The slides are used during training by PaintCare staff and can also be used to supplement refresher training.

Adherence to these guidelines is critical for drop-off sites participating in the program. Exceptions to these guidelines can be made only with PaintCare's express written permission. If your site is unable to comply with any of these guidelines, please contact your PaintCare representative so that we may try to find a solution that works for your site but still achieves compliance with applicable legal and operational requirements for the program.

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# Section 1. Training and Safety

## Training

For the safety of the program and your staff, all employees handling PaintCare products must receive training in product identification, acceptance, handling, packaging, inspection, and emergency response procedures before collecting PaintCare products or engaging in any PaintCare program activities.

Training helps ensure that employees:

- Conduct PaintCare products collection activities in a safe manner that protects workers and the environment
- Are equipped for and understand hazards associated with PaintCare products

Training plans and records should be maintained for each employee. Record staff training using the log included in the training binder.

## Safety

Store personal protective equipment (PPE) and spill response equipment in an accessible location adjacent to the collection bins. Ensure those materials are protected from impacts of weather.

The drop-off site must be equipped with appropriate emergency response equipment including a fire extinguisher, spill kit, and PPE. Monthly inspections of equipment are recommended.

PaintCare products collection activities need to follow general safety practices including proper lifting techniques.

Post emergency procedures and emergency contact numbers including police, fire department, and emergency services by a phone and in close proximity to the collection bins, if possible.

If applicable, develop and maintain an emergency action plan as required by OSHA.

If required by federal, state, or local law, familiarize police, fire departments, and emergency response teams with the layout of your facility, properties of PaintCare products handled at your facility, and evacuation routes.

# Section 2. General Guidelines

### PaintCare Provides Your Site:

- Training binder with recordkeeping logs/forms
- Signage identifying your site as a PaintCare drop-off site
- Printed educational materials for the public

### PaintCare's Transporter Provides Your Site:

- Paint collection bins and liners for cardboard/single-use collection bins
- Labels and/or markings for paint collection bins
- Spill kits (excluding HHW programs)

### General Guidelines for Drop-Off Sites

Each PaintCare drop-off site has unique logistical and operational considerations. Each drop-off site must make its own decisions and use its best judgment to operate in the safest manner possible in accordance with applicable law. To ensure the highest standards of safety for you and your staff, drop-off sites must:

- Have appropriate signage that informs the public of the hours of operation
- Accept PaintCare products from participants during your regular advertised or posted operating hours
- Display PaintCare signage to identify you as a drop-off site; signage should be posted in a highly visible area, at the entrance of your site
- Assist and supervise participants when they visit to drop off PaintCare products. Site staff should greet participants and must verify eligibility of the participant and their leftover paint products as PaintCare products
- IMPORTANT: Never allow a participant to open a PaintCare product container
- Have adequate space, staffing, and training to collect and store PaintCare products
- Provide a secure space for empty and full collection bins
- Place all PaintCare products immediately in collection bins approved for use by PaintCare and its transporters
- Pack only PaintCare products into collection bins
- Schedule shipments of PaintCare products from your drop-off site
- Maintain all records relating to the program
- Train staff to be familiar with the requirements and practices of this guide

# Section 3. Collection Bins and Storage Area

## Storage Area and Collection Bin Placement

Establish a dedicated storage area for collection bins and PaintCare products.

Place collection bins on an impermeable surface (i.e., paved asphalt, concrete, or other surface) at all times.

Place collection bins away from ignition sources, storm drains, and floor drains.

Ensure there is adequate ventilation if bins are stored indoors.

If stored outdoors, protect collection bins from the elements (e.g., precipitation, temperature extremes, rain, and snow). Keep collection bins under cover to prevent exposure to precipitation to protect against temperature extremes. If you store collection bins outdoors, you may need approval from your local fire or hazardous materials oversight agency.

Comply with any local fire codes or other regulations that might pertain to your storage of collection bins at your site.

Maintain enough space around collection bins to inspect for leakage and emergency access.

Use good housekeeping standards; keep paint storage areas clean and orderly.

## Setting Up, Packing and Maintaining Collection Bins

Collection bins must be set up, used, and closed according to the manufacturer's instructions. PaintCare's transporters should set up the collection bins that they provide, unless otherwise requested by the drop-off site staff.

Ensure liners are inserted in cardboard collection bins. The liners provide secondary containment to contain liquids in the event a can leaks while in storage or transit. Reusable plastic bins that are leak-proof by design do not need liners.

Collection bins must be structurally sound. If you see any evidence of damage to bins (or liners) that may cause a leak or spill, notify PaintCare immediately.

Mark the collection bin with the date the first PaintCare product is placed in it.

Place PaintCare products in bins immediately upon receipt. Keep collection bins closed except when adding PaintCare products.

Pack 5-gallon buckets on the bottom layer of the collection bins for stability.

Pack all PaintCare products (cans, buckets) upright and as tight as possible in the collection bins to protect contents from shifting and leaking in transit.

Do not open containers to verify product.

Do not overfill collection bins; allow enough space for a lid to fit securely.

Do not take PaintCare product out of the bin.

### Security

Never allow “self-serve,” public access to the collection bins.

The collection bin storage area must be secured and locked when not attended.

Only drop-off site staff should have access to the collection bins and storage area until the collection bins are ready for pick-up by PaintCare’s transporter.

# Section 4. Identifying and Accepting PaintCare Products

## What are PaintCare Products

PaintCare drop-off sites should accept only PaintCare products (architectural paint products) for management under the PaintCare program. Only those PaintCare products accepted from individuals residing in the state and businesses/organizations located in the state can be managed under the PaintCare program.

Listed below are the primary examples of architectural paint products accepted by the PaintCare program and paint or paint-related products not accepted by the PaintCare program.

Generally, PaintCare products include latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and clear coatings (varnish, shellac, etc.). The program excludes anything that is:

- In an aerosol spray can
- Intended and labeled "for industrial use only"
- Mostly used in the manufacture of equipment
- On the list of specifically excluded products for some other reason

PaintCare products are classified as either latex (water-based) or oil-based (alkyd) and the classification is important in order to decide how the product should be handled and processed. Knowing how to tell the difference between latex- and oil-based products is also important in determining which types of businesses/organizations can use the PaintCare program (if your site accepts paint from this audience).

## PaintCare Products and Non-PaintCare Products

### Acceptable products (PaintCare products)

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

Unacceptable products (Non-PaintCare products)

- Paint thinner, 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

For more information, please see www.paintcare.org/products

If non-PaintCare products end up in a drop-off site's bin, such products will not be returned to the drop-off site and will be managed by PaintCare's transporter. Transporters identify non-PaintCare products and report all instances to PaintCare. PaintCare staff will notify the site of any contamination in the bins. If the problem persists, additional training may be provided.

## Acceptable Containers vs. Unacceptable Containers

Before accepting products from participants for management under the PaintCare program, drop-off site staff must (1) check the condition of the container for acceptance in the program, and (2) check the product label to verify that it contains a PaintCare product.

### Acceptable

- The PaintCare product must be in its original container
- The container is labeled as containing one of the designated PaintCare products listed above
- The container must be in good condition and not leaking
- The container must be 5 gallons in size or smaller
- The container contains dry latex paint

### Not Acceptable

- The container is not original (e.g., paint was transferred into a jar)
- The container does not have an original label
- The container is leaking or has no lid
- The container is larger than 5 gallons
- The container is empty

However, drop-off sites permitted to accept household hazardous waste may accept unlabeled and leaking containers by following the procedures described below.

## Unlabeled and Leaking Containers

A drop-off site permitted to accept household hazardous waste may, at its discretion, choose to accept unlabeled and/or leaking containers if it follows the protocols below and otherwise complies with all applicable laws:

### Unlabeled Containers

A drop-off site may accept containers that do not have an original label if a staff person appropriately trained in identifying unknown wastes (1) identifies the material in the container as a PaintCare product, and (2) applies a label identifying the contents to the container before placing it in a collection bin.

### Leaking Containers

A drop-off site may accept a leaking container or a container with no lid if an appropriately trained drop-off site staff person (1) verifies that the container contains a PaintCare product, (2) places the contents of the leaking/open container into an appropriate substitute container (which can include bulking such PaintCare products into 55-gallon drums), and (3) applies an appropriate label to the substitute container.

## Refusing an Unacceptable Product or Container

Do not accept non-PaintCare products from any participant unless they are received as part of normal site operations and are not placed in PaintCare collection bins.

When refusing a material at a drop-off site, drop-off site staff must explain why the material cannot be accepted (e.g., material is not a PaintCare product, cannot accept material from non-exempt generator, etc.). If a participant tries to drop off products that your location cannot manage, refer the participant to an appropriate alternative resource, such as their local household hazardous waste disposal program, garbage transporter, environmental health agency, or public works department. Local contact information is provided at the front of the training binder.

## Paint Volume Acceptance Rules

The program accepts PaintCare products from households and businesses/organizations.

Households. Households may drop off any volume of PaintCare product, subject to the volume limit set by the site.

Businesses/Organizations. Non-households may also drop off any volume of latex PaintCare product, subject to the volume limit set by the site. Non-households may only drop off oil-based PaintCare products if they comply with federal and state hazardous waste generator rules. Please refer to the PaintCare Business Limits webpage located at: https://www.paintcare.org/business-limits/ for specific information on exempt generator rule requirements. Painting contractors and commercial property owners typically meet these criteria.

Each business or organization is responsible for determining its own generator status under applicable law.

When a business/organization has oil-based PaintCare products to drop off at your site, it must sign the Paint Drop-Off Log or form included in the training binder to verify that it qualifies to use the program for oil-based paint. If a business/organization has only latex paint, it does not need to sign the log/form.

Once a business/organization signs the Paint Drop-Off Log or form, you may accept oil-based paint from that business/organization. (HHW sites and other waste collection programs may need a permit and/or to meet additional legal requirements in order to collect oil-based paint from businesses.) To help ensure legal compliance, unless you're specifically permitted to accept more, you should not accept more than 25 gallons of oil-based paint per calendar month from a qualifying business. Paint Drop-Off Log or forms may be reviewed by PaintCare or government agencies and compared with a list of registered hazardous waste generators to verify that only qualified businesses/organizations are using the program for their oil-based paint.

## Transporter/Recycler Drop-Off Sites

### Maintaining Paint Drop-Off Logs for All Participants

Drop-off sites operated by a PaintCare-contracted transporter and/or recycler must keep and maintain separate drop-off logs to record both latex and oil-based paint volumes from both businesses/organizations and households. While PaintCare offers template logs, an alternative may be used if approved by PaintCare.

# Section 5. Participant Paint Volume

### How Much Paint to Accept from Participants

While the PaintCare program intends to collect as many PaintCare products as possible, we recognize that your drop-off site may have storage limitations. PaintCare drop-off sites, in agreement with PaintCare, may limit the amount of PaintCare products they accept per participant, however, drop-off sites must accept up to 5 gallons at a minimum per participant.

### What if Bins are Full?

If your collection bins are completely full, inform the participant that you are temporarily unable to accept PaintCare products and redirect them to the nearest alternative PaintCare drop-off site. Refer them to the site locator at www.paintcare.org or the PaintCare hotline at 855-724-6809, or ask them to come back at a later date. Contact the PaintCare transporter immediately to have collection bins picked up and replaced.

If a participant has a significant amount of PaintCare products that your location cannot manage, ask the participant to contact PaintCare directly for additional assistance. PaintCare may direct the participant to another drop-off site or offer our Large Volume Pickup service.

### Large Volume Pickup (LVP) Service

PaintCare offers a free pick-up service to painting contractors, property managers, households, and others with a large quantity of leftover PaintCare products. Typically, a minimum of 100 gallons (by container size) is required to qualify for the LVP service.

To refer a participant to the LVP service:

- Provide the participant a LVP fact sheet
- Ask the participant to request a pick-up using the online LVP form
- The LVP fact sheet and online form are available at www.paintcare.org (select the “Request a Pickup” button on the homepage)
- For additional questions, refer the participant to PaintCare for assistance

# Section 6. Working with Transporters

PaintCare contracts with transporters for the delivery of supplies, delivery of empty collection bins, and pick-up of full collection bins.

### Scheduling the Transporter to Pick Up Collection Bins

When you anticipate your collection bins will be full within your site's pick-up timeframe (generally 5 business days in urban areas, 10 business days in rural areas), call your transporter to schedule a pickup, or use their online order system if they have one. The name and contact information of your transporter is provided at the front of the training binder.

When establishing an appointment for pick-up, please indicate:

- Your site is a PaintCare drop-off site
- Name of drop-off site and address
- Your name
- Your phone number
- Number of full collection bins to be picked up
- Number of empty collection bins needed for replacement

### Preparing Collection Bins for Pickup

On the scheduled pickup day, collection bins and the loading area must be readily accessible to the transporter for quick and efficient loading. Complete the following steps:

- Identify which bins are full and ready for pickup
- Make sure the path between your bins and the transporter's vehicle is clear and at least 4 feet wide to accommodate movement of bins
- Sign and keep copies of any shipping documents for your records

The transporter is responsible for labeling, loading/off-loading collection bins, and preparing shipping documents.

# Section 7. Spill Response

## Spills

The information in this section will assist with spills from damaged or leaking program containers. It is important that all drop-off site staff understand corrective actions to minimize exposure to people and the environment.

## Reporting

Report spills as required by law, summarized in the state-specific guidelines. Contact PaintCare within 24 hours of making such a report.

## Spill Response Procedures

Always follow all applicable spill response procedures set forth in your operating permit or as otherwise required by applicable law.

If a spill is small enough to be managed by drop-off site staff, follow these steps:

- Isolate the area and restrict access to the spill
- Ensure personal safety, put on protective gear (glasses and gloves) provided in the spill kit
- Stop the movement of paint by placing the leaking container upright or in a position where the least amount will spill, and place leaking container in plastic bags provided in spill kit, or into the spill kit container
- Contain the spill by placing absorbent pads or granular absorbent around and on the spill – if outdoors, place barriers around storm drains to prevent a release to the environment
- Collect the contaminated absorbent and place it in plastic bag(s) or spill kit container, along with the leaking container and contaminated PPE, seal the bag(s), label it and place in the collection bin
- Remove any clothing that may be contaminated, wash thoroughly to remove spilled material from your hands or body
- Document the date, location, and amount and type of material spilled
- Replace any used spill control supplies as soon as possible

# Section 8. Inspections and Records

### Inspections and Record Keeping

Drop-off site staff are responsible for regularly inspecting collection bins and spill kits to ensure that such materials are in proper working order and include any necessary labeling. Please report any damaged bins or other problems to PaintCare immediately so PaintCare may arrange for prompt replacement or repair.

Maintain the following records for a minimum of 3 years:

- Internal and external inspection records (if applicable)
- Paint Drop-Off Log or forms (copy provided in the training binder)
- Paint Waivers (copy provided in the training binder; only for sites that do reuse)
- Employee training logs (copy provided in the training binder)
- Shipping documents and/or other documentation required by applicable law for outgoing shipments of PaintCare products

# Section 9. Direct Reuse

Direct reuse is an additional service permitted for certain site types, e.g., HHW programs, material reuse stores, and solid waste management facilities. PaintCare may compensate sites for this service. Please see the terms of your PaintCare agreement or contact PaintCare if you need assistance determining if direct reuse is an authorized additional service at your site.

## Requirements for Direct Reuse

PaintCare encourages reuse of leftover paint through direct reuse. Reuse sites return good quality unused paint to the local community at low or no cost.

Products offered for reuse to the public must be in their original container, have an original label, and be in good physical and aesthetic condition. Contents must be liquid and relatively new. The container must be closed securely before placing it in the reuse storage area. Containers must never be opened by customers at the drop-off site. Reuse products must be displayed by drop-off site in an area separate from the PaintCare collection bins.

An individual customer may not take more than twenty-five (25) gallons of reuse product per day. If you have a customer that would like to take more paint, let your PaintCare contact know in advance.

## Paint Waiver

Customers taking reuse paint from a drop-off site must sign the Paint Waiver included in the training binder (or an approved equivalent thereof). The waiver explains that the material is taken "as-is" with no guarantee of quality or contents and the customer accepts the risks and liability for the materials.

The customer must read the waiver, fill in the date and name fields, and sign their name. Site staff must verify what has been taken by the customer, record on the log the gallons of latex and gallons of oil-based products taken, and add their initials.

When a paint waiver is full or when a site wants to invoice PaintCare, the latex and oil-based columns should be totaled at the bottom of the form. PaintCare does not require the submission of the waiver to PaintCare, but they must be kept by the site for at least three years and made available for review by PaintCare staff upon request.

Drop-off sites may use their own version of the waiver, but it must be approved by PaintCare in advance.

## Invoicing Procedures

Drop-off sites should invoice for reuse on a monthly basis by filling out and submitting the Invoice for Direct Reuse at paintcare.org/invoices. This is an online form and is submitted directly on PaintCare's website. If you're unable to submit an online form, contact your PaintCare contact.