Sonoma County, CA. – We all have some cans of leftover paint sitting around the house. Do you know what to do with them? PaintCare, a nonprofit organization established by the paint industry, is making it more convenient to recycle paint throughout California.

Since 2012, when the PaintCare program started its first permanent paint stewardship program in California, it has become much easier to find a place to recycle paint. PaintCare now oversees 788 paint drop-off locations in California, promotes using up leftover paint, and encourages people to buy the right amount of paint in the first place to reduce the amount of leftover paint. As of today, 10 million gallons of paint have been collected and processed through the California program and another 10 million in other states.

Most drop-off locations are paint and hardware stores that have volunteered to take back paint. They are open six or seven days a week, year round. The program also works with solid waste transfer stations and most government-run hazardous household waste (HHW) facilities in the state. There is no charge for dropping off paint at a PaintCare location because the program is funded by a nominal fee on new paint. There are 19 PaintCare locations in Sonoma County where anyone may take all brands of unwanted cans of house paint, stain and varnish, even if they were purchased before the program started.

Garrett ACE Hardware in Healdsburg has been a PaintCare drop-off site since October 2014. Garrett’s Paint Department Assistant Manager Jamie Harrington said they are happy to offer customers a convenient way to dispose of their old paints. It has two bins on site; one fills weekly. “Most customers are very excited to hear that their old paint can be recycled here and it’s convenient to drop off even when running errands,” Harrington noted. “It’s a good way to get rid of that paint the previous homeowners left.”

Peterson’s Paint & Decorating in Petaluma is another drop-off site in Sonoma County, which entered the program in November 2013. Store Owner Sean Lile said he likes the program because they’re giving people options to clean out their garage without having to worry about what to do with their old paint sitting around.

To find the PaintCare drop-off locations and to learn more about the types of products that are accepted, visit www.paintcare.org.

From time to time mini fender benders and accidents occur when you least expect them. And they do happen. We are a positive solution to these annoying interruptions. We hope you don’t have to call us. But if you do... We’ll be ready!

We have Positive Solutions to Unforeseen Interruptions!

Sports Trivia

A horse named Aristides won the very first Kentucky Derby way back in 1875. The race has been run every year since.

The last horse to win the Triple Crown of Horse Racing (Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes) was Affirmed in 1978. Funny Cide in 2003 and Smarty Jones in 2004 each had Triple Crown “near misses”, winning two of the three races.

JOKES & Humor #2

Convicts: What has happened with you that you are here?
Prisoner: I have broken a window at my job place.
Convicts: It’s unbelievable! Where did you work?
Prisoner: On a submarine.

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, often we find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in an hour of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not understanding, who can face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.”

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“I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light.” – Helen Keller