



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, TRUCKEE EVENT, MISTINTS, WEBSITE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: NEW LAW MAKES COLLECTING LEFTOVER, UNWANTED PAINT EASIER

On September 28, 2014, the State of California passed Assembly Bill 2748. This new law will make it easier for many retailers to become PaintCare drop-off sites in California.

Background: In general, all businesses in California are required to submit a Hazardous Material Business Plan ("HMBP") to their local hazardous materials enforcement agency when storing over 55 gallons of liquid hazardous waste onsite. These limits may vary from one jurisdiction to another, but because a single PaintCare box can hold as much as 150 gallons, any location acting as a PaintCare drop-off site was required to submit an HMBP. Requiring retailers to submit a plan just for participating in the program is not only an administrative burden for potential drop-off sites, but also a financial one - an HMBP also requires an annual fee ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. This requirement has been a barrier to retailers that would not otherwise need an HMBP, keeping them from PaintCare participation.

What has changed? AB 2748 relaxes the HMBP requirements for businesses that participate as PaintCare drop-off sites. Beginning January 1, 2015, a business that handles paint managed under the PaintCare program will only need to submit a business plan if the volume of PaintCare Program products stored onsite at one time exceeds 1,000 gallons (about 10 typical PaintCare cubic yard boxes of paint). However, local HMBP requirements still apply for any other non-PaintCare hazardous materials being stored onsite.

PaintCare is hopeful that the passage of AB 2748 will allow us to further increase the number of paint collection locations statewide, making the program more convenient for consumers.

The full text of AB 2748 can be found at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_2701-2750/ab_2748_bill_20140928_chaptered.htm

FREE ONE-DAY "PAINT ONLY" DROP-OFF EVENT IN TRUCKEE

We're hosting our first One-Day, "Paint Only" Drop-Off Event in California - a new option to recycle paint in underserved areas of the state. The event will be in Truckee, but anyone in the surrounding area within California may drop off PaintCare Program products at the event.

PaintCare is planning to hold more events like this around the state. These events will collect PaintCare Program products - latex and oil-based house paint, stains, sealers, and varnish - but not paint thinner or other household chemicals (see a complete list at www.paintcare.org/products-we-accept).

The Truckee event will be held on November 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Town of Truckee Corporation Yard, 10969 Stevens Lane in Truckee. The event will be held rain, snow, or shine.

Households and most small businesses can use the program to recycle their unwanted paint. Businesses that generate less than 220 pounds (about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month may bring any amount of latex or oil-based paint. Businesses that generate more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month may bring any amount of latex paint, but they cannot bring oil-based paint. The postconsumer paint that is collected will go for recycling, energy recovery, or proper disposal.

For more information about the event, visit our website or call (855) 724-6809.



MISTINTS NOW ACCEPTED IN PAINTCARE BINS

Paint retailers may now place mistinted architectural paint in PaintCare bins (cubic yard boxes or "collection containers") along with paint dropped off by the public. Previously, PaintCare drop-off locations had been asked to avoid placing mistints in bins for recycling.

PaintCare understands that most retailers try to sell mistinted products at a discounted price or donate these products to reuse stores or organizations. We encourage them to continue this practice prior to placing any unsold mistints in PaintCare bins.

Only incidental amounts of mistinted paint should be placed in PaintCare bins. Large volumes of products damaged in shipment, obsolete products, or products deemed un-saleable due to the discontinuation of a brand, product line, or label should be returned to the manufacturer or otherwise disposed of in accordance with state regulation.

Please contact Caitlin Sanders, California Program Manager, or your PaintCare regional coordinator (contact information below) with any questions about placing small volumes of mistinted paint in recycle bins.

INFORMATION FOR RETAILERS ON PAINTCARE'S WEBSITE

We've recently redesigned and updated PaintCare's website, including new pages for retailers (visit www.paintcare.org/for-paint-retailers). The retailer pages offer even more information and materials in an easy-to-navigate format. The section for retailers provides:

- Lists of manufacturers and brands registered to sell architectural paint in the state
- Materials for customers, such as brochures and fact sheets (for download or to order)
- Materials for your store and employees, such as fact sheets and posters (for download or to order)
- And more!

We hope you will visit the updated PaintCare website soon.

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