



ANNUAL REPORT, HHW PROGRAMS, NEW NAME FOR FEE

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT

In November, PaintCare submitted its second annual report to the state of California describing the results of the California Paint Stewardship program for the 12 months ending June 30, 2014. It was a very successful year thanks to the help of all our program partners!

As of June 30, PaintCare had 673 year-round drop-off sites - most of them retail stores open 5 or more days per week. In the last six months, the number of sites has increased to more than 700. In addition, GIS analysis conducted for the annual report showed that 97.8% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off site. During our second year, PaintCare collected just over two million gallons of paint, a significant increase over the first report period (when we collected about 650,000 gallons over 8.5 months).

Of the paint processed, 47% was collected by our retail partners, and 48% was collected by household hazardous waste program partners. The remaining 6% came from our very popular large volume pick-up service available to those with at least 300 gallons. The charts on the right show how the collected paint was managed.

For a full copy of the annual report, visit the California section of our webpage or [click here](#).

CalRecycle, the program's state oversight agency, has deemed the report to be complete and is currently evaluating the report for compliance. CalRecycle is accepting public comments on the report through January 5, 2015. Comments on the report can be submitted directly to CalRecycle at paint@calrecycle.ca.gov. PaintCare will participate in a public workshop for stakeholders hosted by CalRecycle on January 6 in Sacramento.

PAINTCARE PARTNERSHIPS WITH HHW PROGRAMS

PaintCare offers more options for people to recycle paint than just retail drop-off sites. Although our retail sites may be the most convenient option, we also have partnerships with Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) programs, operated by local government agencies and/or garbage companies.

In addition to accepting non-paint products that PaintCare sites do not accept, HHW facilities and events are able to accept cans of paint that do not have original labels or are in poor condition, and in many cases, they accept larger quantities of paint than retailers. The hours and days of operation for HHW programs vary, so we recommend that the customer call ahead.

In addition, some HHW programs have a special program (by appointment) for businesses. There is normally a fee for businesses, but it is often a subsidized fee so it will cost less than calling a hazardous waste service provider. They typically charge businesses a "per gallon" fee for non-paint products (e.g., thinner, pesticides), but they do not charge the per gallon fee for paint if the program is a PaintCare partner.

Contact your PaintCare Regional Coordinator for more information or an HHW facility near you.

NEW NAME FOR THE STEWARDSHIP FEE

Based on feedback from paint retailers and customers, we are changing the name of the fee that funds the PaintCare program. The previous name, "PaintCare Recovery Fee," will be phased out of all PaintCare materials, and we are requesting retailers, distributors, and manufacturers to do the same. Across the country, we would like everyone to use the simplified "PaintCare Fee." We believe that "PaintCare Fee" is easier to understand and more effectively communicates that the fee directly supports the PaintCare Program.

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A survey of retailers in all PaintCare states found that retailers use a variety of names for the fee: Eco Fee, Paint Fee, Recycling Fee, and State Paint Fee. Previously, PaintCare encouraged retailers to use "PaintCare Recovery Fee" because it had more than one meaning, such as "we recover the paint" and "retailers recover the fee." PaintCare's Board of Directors approved the new name last month.

Retailers are encouraged to use "PaintCare Fee" when informing customers about the fee and educating them about opportunities to recycle unwanted, leftover paint. If your store currently uses "PaintCare Recovery Fee" on sales receipts, we ask that you please change the name of the fee on receipts to "PaintCare Fee."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The PaintCare Team wishes you a happy holiday season.

We also thank you for your support in 2014 and look forward to continuing to advance successful, cost-effective paint stewardship programming in 2015.

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