



BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY, TWO COMPONENT PRODUCTS

WHICH BUSINESSES CAN USE PAINTCARE DROP-OFF SITES?

With PaintCare, businesses have many more convenient locations where they can take leftover paint for free. Prior to the PaintCare program, paint recycling options for businesses were limited to either (1) using some of the fee-based government-run household hazardous waste programs that set aside special days or hours for small businesses, or (2) hiring a hazardous waste or recycling company to pick up the paint. All PaintCare sites accept at least 5 gallons of paint per visit, but many PaintCare sites accept up to 20 gallons, and a few sites accept even more. Accepting more than 5 gallons can be especially beneficial to customers who are painting contractors

Residents are allowed to drop off as much latex or oil-based paint as a site is willing to accept. Some businesses are treated the same as residents -- and they are allowed to drop off as much latex or oil-based paint as a site is willing to accept so long as they do not generate more than 220 lbs. (about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month. These businesses are called CESQGs (or Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators) in state and federal regulations.

Businesses that generate more than 220 lbs. of hazardous waste per month are treated differently. Even though these businesses may drop off as much latex paint as the site is willing to accept, they cannot drop off any oil-based program products. These businesses are called either SQGs (Small Quantity Generators) if they generate between 220 and 2,200 lbs. hazardous waste per month or LQGs (Large Quantity Generators) if they generate more than 2,200 lbs. per month.

To learn more about the limitations on SQGs and LQGs, please get in touch with your PaintCare regional coordinator (staff contacts listed below).

Oil-Based Paint Is Included in Monthly Total of Hazardous Waste Generated

Oil-based paint counts towards a business's 220 lb. monthly total (because by law it is a hazardous waste), but latex and other water-based paints do not count toward the total. 220 lbs. is equivalent to 20-30 gallons.

SPOTLIGHT ON COATINGS: TWO-COMPONENT PRODUCTS

Some specialty coatings are known in the paint industry as "2K" or two component (K comes from the German word for component). These coatings are usually epoxy coatings, but some are urethanes. These coatings are not part of the PaintCare program. The PaintCare fee does not apply to them when they are sold, and they are not accepted at paint drop-off sites.

They are always sold in two separate containers. Just prior to use, they are mixed together to start a chemical reaction. Part A is usually the larger part consisting of a resin, and Part B is the smaller part, serving as a catalyst which speeds up the curing of the resin. (Sometimes the Part A and Part B are reversed.) Usually these paints are used when extra-high durability is required or when the surface being painted will be exposed to constant moisture or spills (such as a garage floor). The timeframe in which the mixed components can be applied is relatively short (sometimes called the "pot life"). If the mixed coating is not used, it will harden in the container.

Note that a few coatings are sold with a second container of inert additives to create textures, such as sand which can prevent slipping in a floor paint. These types of coatings, even though they are also packaged in separate containers, are not excluded; they are part of the PaintCare program and are accepted at drop off sites

For a complete list of PaintCare products accepted at drop-off sites, visit our website.

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