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Terra Firma Recycling's co-owner and operator Jeremy Van Matre loads a horizontal baler for recycling. Kelli Van Matre, co-owner of the business welcomes customers to the facility.

RECYCLING COUNTS

Terra Firma Recycling now accepting unwanted cans of paint for recycling in Trinidad

Free program makes it easy to recycle
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Residents of Trinidad now have another easy option to recycle their unwanted paint. Terra Firma Recycling, located at 201 W.



Indiana Ave. in Trinidad, is now accepting unused and unwanted paint from the community. There is no charge to drop-off paint.

The paint recycling program – which is available throughout Colorado – is made possible by an organization called PaintCare. The PaintCare program makes it easy and convenient for residents in Trinidad and across Colorado to recycle their unwanted paint.

“Terra Firma Recycling joins more than 120 drop off sites across Colorado that are accepting unused, unwanted cans of latex and oil-based paint, stain and varnish from households and professional house painters,” said Kevin Lynch, manager of the Colorado PaintCare program. “All of the participating drop-off sites play a key role in making sure unused

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paint is disposed of properly.”

“We are pleased to provide the Trinidad community with another convenient option to recycle unwanted paint,” said Kelli VanMatre, owner of Terra Firma Recycling. “If you haven’t taken a look at your garage, basement or crawl space in a while, now is the time to check for unwanted paint, and to recycle it with us for free. We will also accept paint from businesses to make it easy for business owners to recycle unused paint.”

Terra Firma Recycling is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. They are closed on Sunday. They will accept all paint brands, regardless of where they were purchased. Items that can be dropped off for recycling include most house paints, primers, stains, sealers, and clear top coatings (var-

nish and shellac).

PaintCare will transport the collected paint from the drop-off sites to processing facilities, where it will be remixed into recycled-content paint, used as fuel, made into other products or, in the case of some unrecyclable paint, it will be dried out and properly disposed.

While there is no charge to drop paint off for recycling, a nominal fee has been added to the price of paint sold in Colorado as of July 1 to fund all aspects of the program including paint collection, transportation, recycling, public outreach, and program administration. The fee varies by the size of container: 35 cents for pints and quarts, 75 cents for one gallon cans, and \$1.60 for 5 gallon buckets.

The PaintCare program was signed into law by Governor John Hickenlooper last year. The District

of Columbia and seven other states have similar paint stewardship programs operated by PaintCare: California, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

For more information on the PaintCare program or to find a PaintCare drop-off site visit www.paintcare.org/colorado.

About PaintCare

Paint manufacturers created PaintCare, a non-profit stewardship organization, to run recycling programs in states as they pass paint stewardship laws. Through PaintCare, the paint industry sets up drop-off locations for unused paint, arranges for recycling and proper disposal of the paint, and conducts outreach about proper paint management. For additional information, visit www.paintcare.org.