



Information for HHW Programs

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A law benefiting household hazardous waste (HHW) programs in Connecticut took effect in July 2013.

The Connecticut Paint Stewardship Law, passed in 2011, requires paint manufacturers to establish a Paint Stewardship Program in Connecticut. Municipal HHW programs that participate can save money on paint management costs. Program funding comes from an assessment (fee) on the sale of architectural paint sold in Connecticut starting in July 2013.

Paint Stewardship Program in Connecticut

PaintCare Inc. is a nonprofit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement state-mandated paint stewardship programs on behalf of paint manufacturers in each state that adopts a paint stewardship law.

PaintCare has established over 1,700 paint drop-off sites in California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont. More than 140 of these sites are in Connecticut.

Making Paint Recycling More Convenient

PaintCare has established drop-off sites statewide for households and businesses to take leftover architectural paint. Although most drop-off sites are at paint retailers, municipal HHW programs and waste transfer stations may also volunteer to be PaintCare drop-off sites and have their paint transportation and recycling/disposal costs paid by PaintCare. Facilities that would like to become a drop-off site can fill out the Interest Form available in the Waste Facilities section of www.paintcare.org/CT.

Benefits to HHW Programs

- ◆ Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient
- ◆ Savings on transportation and recycling/disposal
- ◆ Conserve resources and keep paint out of the solid waste stream
- ◆ Allow residents to bring paint with other HHW in one trip to one site

PaintCare Partners Receive

- ◆ Collection bins
- ◆ Transportation and recycling/disposal services
- ◆ Staff training at your site
- ◆ Program guidelines
- ◆ Free publicity of HHW site or event (optional)

Drop-Off Site Responsibilities

- ◆ Provide secure storage area for collection bins (cubic yard boxes or drums)
- ◆ Accept program products from the public during normal operating hours
- ◆ Properly pack program products in collection bins
- ◆ Assist with loading and unloading of full and empty storage bins
- ◆ Complete minimal paperwork related to tracking outgoing paint shipments
- ◆ Ensure staff are trained in PaintCare program guidelines and operating procedures



Will PaintCare Require Operational Changes?

- ◆ If your program does not currently accept latex paint, PaintCare will not require you to do so. If you wish to start accepting latex paint, PaintCare will cover the transportation and disposal costs.
- ◆ If your program does not currently accept paint from businesses, PaintCare will not require you to do so. If you wish to start accepting paint from businesses, PaintCare will cover the transportation and disposal costs.
- ◆ PaintCare may choose to only contract with one transporter to pick up paint from all PaintCare sites in Connecticut, whether retail or HHW. If your current hazardous waste transporter is not the same company, a second hauler will transport paint from your event or facility.

Water-Based (Latex) Paint Is a Resource

An important goal of the PaintCare program is to conserve resources and increase the volume of paint that is recycled. Many HHW programs in Connecticut do not accept water-based paint because it is expensive to manage and is not classified as hazardous.

Residents and businesses are often instructed to let water-based paint dry out and then dispose of the dry paint in the trash. Through the PaintCare program, all paint including latex will be treated as a resource and recycled to the maximum extent possible.

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What Products Are Covered?

The products accepted at PaintCare drop-off sites are the same products that have a fee when they are sold.

PaintCare Products include interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or less. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings.

PaintCare Products

- ◆ Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- ◆ Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- ◆ Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- ◆ Stains
- ◆ Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- ◆ Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- ◆ Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- ◆ Field and lawn paints

Non-Paintcare Products

- ◆ Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- ◆ Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- ◆ Auto and marine paints
- ◆ Art and craft paints
- ◆ Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- ◆ Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- ◆ Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- ◆ Roof patch and repair
- ◆ Asphalt, tar, and bitumen-based products
- ◆ 2-component coatings
- ◆ Deck cleaners
- ◆ Traffic and road marking paints
- ◆ Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- ◆ Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes