



## Information for Paint Purchasers

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### A convenient new paint recycling program began in the District on November 1, 2016. The program is funded by a fee on new paint sales.

#### Paint Stewardship Programs

The American Coatings Association (ACA) worked with various stakeholders interested in the management of post-consumer paint to develop and implement an industry-led paint stewardship program in the United States.

PaintCare Inc. is a nonprofit organization established by the ACA to implement the program on behalf of paint manufacturers in states and jurisdictions that adopt paint stewardship laws. PaintCare operates programs in California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

#### Convenient Paint Drop-Off Sites

PaintCare establishes convenient paint drop-off locations for households and businesses to bring their paint for recycling. PaintCare has set up more than 1,700 drop-off sites across eight states and the District, mostly at paint retailers.

#### Assessment Fee and Funding

As required by the District of Columbia's paint stewardship law, a stewardship assessment, or *PaintCare Fee*, is added by manufacturers to the wholesale price of all architectural paint sold in the District. This fee funds the collection, transportation, recycling, and proper disposal of architectural paint. It also pays for education and program administration. Paint retailers and distributors see this fee on their invoices from paint manufacturers.

The law also requires each retailer and distributor to add the fee to the purchase price of architectural paint sold in the District. While showing the fee on consumer receipts is not mandatory, PaintCare encourages retailers and distributors to do so to ensure transparency and aid in consumer education. Most retailers choose to show the fee on receipts and invoices.

#### PaintCare Fees

The District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) approved the fee structure presented in PaintCare's Program Plan for the District. The fees for the District are based on container size as follows:

- \$ 0.00 – Half pint or smaller
- \$ 0.45 – Larger than half pint and smaller than 1 gallon
- \$ 0.95 – 1 gallon up to 2 gallons
- \$ 1.95 – Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons

#### Limits on Quantities at Drop-Off Sites

Drop-off sites may set their own limits on the quantity of paint they will accept from households and eligible businesses at one time. All sites accept up to 5 gallons of paint, but some PaintCare sites may accept more. The public is advised to contact any site they intend to use before dropping off paint to find out whether the site can accept the amount and type of paint they would like to recycle.



### **Pick-Up Service for Large Volumes**

For businesses or households with at least 200 gallons of paint to recycle, PaintCare offers a direct pick-up service at no additional cost. To learn more about this Large Volume Pickup (LVP) Service, call PaintCare or visit our website.

### **Municipal HHW Programs and Special Events**

PaintCare partners with the District's household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to accept paint from the District's households.

In addition, in Wards where no retailer or HHW program is available, PaintCare holds special paint collection events where the public can drop off paint.

### **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 five 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