



Become a Retail Drop-Off Site for Paint

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PaintCare makes it easy for paint retailers to provide a convenient and valuable service for their community.

A state law passed in 2013 requires paint manufacturers to set up and operate a paint stewardship program in Maine. The law requires paint retailers to add a stewardship fee to architectural paint products and to make sure they are not selling unregistered brands of architectural paint. Retailers may also volunteer to be paint drop-off sites. Retailers that would like to learn more about what it takes to join the program to be drop-off sites are encouraged to contact PaintCare for details or visit the Retailer section of PaintCare's website at www.paintcare.org/ME.

Paint Stewardship Program in Maine

PaintCare is a nonprofit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement this program on behalf of paint manufacturers in PaintCare States (those that adopt paint stewardship laws). PaintCare operates programs in California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont. PaintCare is currently developing a program for Washington, expected to launch in 2020.



Convenient Paint Recycling

PaintCare's primary effort is to establish paint drop-off sites throughout each PaintCare state to provide convenient recycling options for the public. The program allows households and businesses to return unused architectural paint to drop-off locations throughout each PaintCare state.

PaintCare has established more than 1,700 paint drop-off sites in eight states and the District of Columbia. Most drop-off sites are at paint stores. Other sites include solid waste transfer stations and government-sponsored household hazardous waste programs. Participation as a drop-off site is voluntary.

Stores that would like to become a drop-off site can fill out the Interest Form available in the Retailers section of www.paintcare.org/ME.

Benefits to Retailers

There are many benefits to becoming a drop-off site.

As a participating retailer, you will:

- ◆ Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient for your customers
- ◆ Support the paint industry's effort to lead the way in being responsible for end-of-life management of its own products
- ◆ Promote your store as environmentally responsible
- ◆ Increase customer foot traffic and sales
- ◆ Help relieve local government of their cost of managing leftover paint
- ◆ Help prevent the improper disposal of paint in your community

PaintCare Provides

- ◆ Listing of your store as a drop-off site on our website, and in advertisements and promotional materials
- ◆ Paint storage bins
- ◆ Transportation and recycling services for the collected paint
- ◆ Training materials and staff training at your site
- ◆ Program brochures, signage and customer education materials
- ◆ Spill kits

Drop-Off Site Responsibilities

- ◆ Provide secure storage area for paint storage bins
- ◆ Accept all brands of leftover PaintCare products from the public during operating hours
- ◆ Place unopened PaintCare products in storage bins
- ◆ Keep storage bins neat and properly packed
- ◆ Complete minimal paperwork related to tracking outgoing paint shipments
- ◆ Ensure staff are trained in PaintCare program guidelines and operating procedures
- ◆ Display “drop-off site” signs in store window and display consumer education materials

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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 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