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Notice for Painting Contractors and Everyone Who Buys Paint

PAINTCARE FEE INCREASE IN 2027

An increase on the fee assessed on the sale of architectural coatings (e.g., house paint, stain, and varnish) in the Oregon PaintCare program was approved on November 5, 2026 by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The fee increase is needed to sustain the program. Paint collection volumes have been consistently high while paint sales have slowed.

This fee increase will take effect on May 1, 2027.

The PaintCare fee is applied to the purchase price of program products as required by law. The fee funds the collection, transportation, and processing of unused postconsumer (leftover) program products, public education about proper management, and administrative costs.

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

	Current Fee	New Fee
Half pint or smaller	$0.00	$0.00
Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon	$0.45	$0.65
1–2 gallons	$0.95	$1.45
Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons	$1.95	$2.75



PASS FEE TO CUSTOMERS

PaintCare suggests that painting contractors pass on the fee to customers in order to recoup the fee they pay to retailers and suppliers. Tell customers that quotes include the PaintCare fee and that the fee funds the statewide recycling program. When estimating jobs using program products purchased after the fee increase takes effect, contractors should check with suppliers to make sure their quotes for program products include the increased amounts.

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For more information, to find a drop-off site, or to see if you qualify for PaintCare's large volume pickup program, scan the code above, visit paintcare.org, or call (855) PAINT09.