

Recycle with PaintCare



Oregon PaintCare Program Newsletter

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Oregon Program Now Permanent

As many of you know, PaintCare's Program in Oregon started in July 2010 as a four-year pilot program with a "sunset date" of June 30, 2014. This meant one of three options had to be decided by June 30 of this year: (a) end the Program next year; (b) extend the sunset date and continue evaluating the Program as a Pilot Program; or (c) make the Program permanent through legislation. In late July 2013, Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber signed House Bill 2048 making the Oregon Paint Stewardship Program permanent. Find a link to the law at www.paintcare.org/oregon

3 New Drop-Off Sites & 3 Rural Events

At the end of June, two new Orchard Supply Hardware stores (Tigard and Beaverton) joined PaintCare. In early July, Smitty's Ace Hardware in Hermiston joined the program, making 101 total PaintCare drop-off sites. PaintCare also held three paint-only collection events in June in order to provide service to these three rural communities that have no permanent drop-off site nearby: Lakeview (45 customers, 12 totes), Enterprise (41 customers, 7 totes) and Fossil (5 customers, 1 tote).

New Oregon Program Manager

Roy Weedman was hired to manage the Oregon PaintCare Program in April, following the retirement of Rick Volpel. Previously Roy was the solid waste coordinator for Columbia County, where he managed solid waste, recycling, household hazardous waste, and illegal dumpsite abatement programs. Roy also worked for the Port of Portland at Portland International Airport (PDX) managing a variety of activities related to hazardous, universal, industrial and solid waste and recycling programs.

PaintCare in Other States

Due in part to the success of the Oregon PaintCare Program, many other states are following our lead:

Other States with PaintCare

California started October 19, 2012 with 340 drop-off locations and now has more than 500. **Connecticut** started July 1, 2013 with 35 drop-off locations and will grow to about 100 before the end of the year.

Next States

Rhode Island: Rhode Island passed paint stewardship legislation last year and is slated for implementation in 2014. **Minnesota, Vermont and Maine:** Following the passing of Rhode Island's legislation, three more states passed paint stewardship laws similar to the Oregon law; the Minnesota and Vermont programs will start in 2014; Maine's program will start by July 2015.

Site Tips

In this regular section, we will provide answers to common questions from drop-off sites. For questions, or to suggest a topic for the newsletter, feel free to contact Roy Weedman.

What containers are acceptable?

When accepting unwanted or leftover paint from customers:

- The product must be in its original container.
- The container must be labeled as containing one of the designated program products.
- The container must be in good condition and not leaking with a secured lid.
- The container must be 5 gallons in size or smaller.

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