

Recycle with PaintCare



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Recycling Paint Cans

One of the most common questions we hear at PaintCare drop-off sites is, "We know that PaintCare recycles the paint, but do you recycle the metal and plastic cans?"

We sure do. Through the transporters and processors that PaintCare uses, we recycle as much plastic and metal as possible. From July 2012 to June 2013, PaintCare Oregon recycled 73.4 tons of metal paint cans and 38.7 tons of plastic paint cans. In three years, that's 146.6 tons of plastic and over 204.5 tons of metal.

Customers with only empty paint cans should contact their local waste hauler or recycling program to find out if the empty metal and plastic paint cans are accepted in their local program.

30 New Drop-Off Sites Planned

As part of the legislation passed this year, PaintCare has a new two part convenience goal: (1) 95% of residents should have a collection site within 15 miles of home and (2) there should be one drop-off site for every 30,000 residents (e.g., in a city of 90 thousand people, there should be three sites). PaintCare has already met the first part of the goal, but will be working to recruit about 30 more sites to meet the second part. Sites will be a combination of retailers and government-run facilities. If you have additional locations that could become a drop-off site or know of a potential drop-off site, please have them contact PaintCare.

Bin Storage Tips (Collection Containers or Totes)

- Establish a dedicated storage area for bins
- Even though bins have secondary containment to contain liquids if a can leaks, they should also be placed on an impermeable surface (concrete, asphalt, sealed wood floor) when possible.
- Store bins away from heat and ignition sources.
- Place bins away from storm and floor drains
- Protect bins from very high or very low temperatures by storing them inside or under cover if possible.
- If you store bins outdoors, you may need approval from your local fire or hazardous materials oversight agency.
- Please do not alter the collection containers - do not drill holes in the containers or add locks or hinges. All altered or damaged bins will be removed from the program and replaced.

Do you have a question or would you like to suggest a topic for the newsletter? Please contact Program Manager [Roy Weedman](#).



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