



WHICH BUSINESSES CAN USE PAINT DROP-OFF SITES

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While any Oregon resident can take PaintCare products to a PaintCare drop-off site—including latex or oil-based paints, primers, and stains—the eligibility of businesses depends on how much hazardous waste they generate in a month. There are three designations for businesses. *Businesses are responsible for determining their status as a CEG, SQG, or LQG, as determined by law.*

- Conditionally Exempt Generators (CEGs) generate less than 220 lbs. per month and may drop of both water-based (latex) and oil-based products. Small to medium sized painting contractors and commercial property managers are usually CEGs.
- Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) generate between 220 lbs. and 2200 pounds per month and may drop of only water-based products only
- Large Quantity Generators (LQGs) generate more than 2200 pounds per month and may drop of only water-based products only.

If a business is unsure if they are a CEG, ask if they generate less than 220 pounds (about 25 gallons) of oil-based paint and other hazardous waste per month (not counting latex paint).

CEGs Must Sign the Certification Log if They Leave Oil-Based Products. CEGs dropping off oil-based paint and coatings must sign the “CEG Certification Log” provided in Appendix of your site binder. This signature verifies that the business produces less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month. If a business has only latex paint, they do not need to sign the log.

Certification Logs may be reviewed by PaintCare or government agencies and compared with a list of hazardous waste generators maintained by the state. The logs are reviewed to confirm that only CEG businesses are using the PaintCare Program for oil-based paint.

If you have specific questions about businesses managing unwanted paint and coatings at your PaintCare site, please feel free to get in touch with Oregon State Manager Roy Weedman by e-mail at rweedman@paint.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON COATINGS: TWO-COMPONENT PRODUCTS

Some specialty coatings are known in the paint industry as “2K” or two component (K comes from the German word for component). These coatings are usually epoxy coatings, but some are urethanes. These coatings are not part of the PaintCare program. The PaintCare fee does not apply to them when they are sold, and they are not accepted at paint drop-off sites.

They are always sold in two separate containers. Just prior to use, they are mixed together to start a chemical reaction. Part A is usually the larger part consisting of a resin, and Part B is the smaller part, serving as a catalyst which speeds up the curing of the resin. (Sometimes the Part A and Part B are reversed.) Usually these paints are used when extra-high durability is required or when the surface being painted will be exposed to constant moisture or spills (such as a garage floor). The timeframe in which the mixed components can be applied is relatively short (sometimes called the “pot life”). If the mixed coating is not used, it will harden in the container.

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Note that a few coatings are sold with a second container of inert additives to create textures, such as sand which can prevent slipping in a floor paint. These types of coatings, even though they are also packaged in separate containers, are not excluded; they are part of the PaintCare program and are accepted at drop off sites.

For a complete list of PaintCare products accepted at drop-off sites, visit our website [\[http://www.paintcare.org/products-we-accept/\]](http://www.paintcare.org/products-we-accept/).

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