

SPRING & SUMMER PAINT DROP-OFF EVENTS – PROPER BIN STORAGE

155 PAINT DROP-OFF SITES...AND GROWING

PaintCare Oregon has expanded 155 permanent paint drop-off locations throughout Oregon—a 50 percent increase in the number of permanent drop-off sites over the past two years. Now, more than 96 percent of Oregonians live within 15 miles of a permanent drop-off site, while 97 percent live within 15 miles of either a permanent drop-off site or a one-day household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event that has partnered with PaintCare and collects paint.

The majority of the increase in the number of drop-off sites is the result of new paint store locations becoming sites, especially in rural communities.

PaintCare Oregon thanks all of its retail partners for their participation in the program and for helping to make paint recycling more convenient in their communities.

SPRING & SUMMER PAINT DROP-OFF EVENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

This spring and summer, PaintCare is conducting one-day paint drop-off events in very rural communities across Oregon. These events will provide both households and businesses with an additional opportunity to recycle leftover, unwanted paint. In these less densely populated communities, there are fewer paint retailers or other locations that can serve as paint drop-off sites, requiring some residents to drive longer distances to drop off their paint. The events will be held in a centrally-located parking lot of a municipal facility, park, or school and are intended to make it even more convenient to recycle paint.

In the coming two months, PaintCare has scheduled one-day events in Lakeview (June 6), Powers (May 16), and Reedsport (June 13). Additional events also will be scheduled for this summer and fall.

For details about the four scheduled paint drop-off events—and forthcoming events—please visit [link: www.paintcare.org/oregon].

STORING PAINT DROP-OFF BINS

Paint retailers that serve as drop-off sites for leftover, unwanted paint provide a valuable community service and enjoy the promise of increased foot traffic. When stores sign up to be a drop-off site, they receive a storage bin for paint, in-person staff training from the PaintCare state manager, and a binder for future reference and record keeping. Although staff time required for being a drop-off site is minimal, sites need to properly store and maintain paint storage bins at all times.

Storage bins are delivered to drop-off sites by the same hauling company assigned to pick up the bins when they are full. Storage bins kept inside a store must be secured from immediate public access, while outdoor bins need to be secured by a fenced enclosure in accordance with applicable state permits. The fence should be locked when a site is closed for business.

The labels supplied with bins should be affixed to the side, and bins should be positioned so the labels can be easily read. The lids on bins should be kept closed at all times, except when staff are placing paint in them.





If a bin appears damaged upon delivery—or is damaged at any other time—or if labels are not provided with a bin, drop-off sites should contact their assigned hauling company right away.

For specific questions about bin storage and maintenance, please contact Roy Weedman, Oregon state manager, at rweedman@paint.org or (503) 410-1648.

SPOTLIGHT ON COATINGS: FLOOR COATINGS

When they think of architectural coatings, most consumers immediately think of house paint – whether it's for exterior siding or interior walls and ceilings. But some paint purchasers are interested in painting the material beneath their feet, especially floors that take a lot of wear, such as concrete floors in garages and basements. Although a few consumers might choose "regular paint" as a cost-effective option for sprucing up old interior floors in living spaces, there are special coatings designed specifically for floors. Which of these are PaintCare products?

Floor Paints: Commonly marketed as "porch and floor paint," floor paints can be either latex or oil-based and can be used on wood, concrete, and other surfaces, such as vinyl. They typically are applied to porches, decks, basements, and patios. These paints have the added bonus in that leftovers can sometimes be used for smaller painting projects, like trellises, patio furniture, or a garden shed. As with most floor paints, primers used with floor paint and single-component urethanes that are sometimes used as a top coat, are PaintCare products; the PaintCare fees are applied, and they are accepted at PaintCare drop-off sites.

Clear Floor Finishes: Varnish, shellac, and lacquer floor finishes are normally PaintCare products unless they are two parts or considered IM Coatings (see below).

Epoxy Floor Coatings: Recognized as being tougher than other floor paints or stains, epoxy finishes provide durability and are often used on garage floors where they can resist heat from vehicle tires, as well as stand up to moisture and oil spills. If a two-part epoxy, both parts are mixed just prior to use to start a chemical reaction. 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. Only single component epoxies are PaintCare products; two component coatings are not PaintCare products.

Two-Component Coatings are "Out": Some floor paints, clear finishes, epoxy, and urethane floor finishes are two-part coatings sold with two containers that are mixed prior to application and usually labeled Part A and Part B. Part A is usually a resin and Part B is usually a catalyst to start the chemical reaction and speed up curing time. Two-part coatings are not PaintCare products.

IM Coatings are "Out": Some floor finishes, whether they are paint, clear coatings, or epoxies are classified as industrial maintenance (IM) coatings because they are intended for specific purposes, such as exposure to abrasion, heat, and/or chemicals. If a floor finish is labeled "for industrial use only" or "for professional use only," it is not a PaintCare product. (For details about this exception, see PaintCare's product notice #4. [www.paintcare.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/xx-product-notice-4-professional-use.pdf])

Anti-Slip Additives: Applying an anti-slip additive (usually silica or sand) to paint—or directly to a newly painted floor—will help avoid accidents, whether from water in a laundry room or garage or rain outdoors. These products are sometimes mistaken for a two-component coating because they are sometimes sold together; however, they are not excluded from the PaintCare program—fees are applied and consumers are welcome to drop them off for recycling at a PaintCare drop-off site.

For a complete list of all PaintCare products accepted at drop-off sites, visit www.paintcare.org/products-we-accept.

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