

Oregon Paint Usage & Disposal Surveys

Notes:

Online surveys conducted using SurveyMonkey. Blue numbers indicate the number of people who responded. Questions 2, 3 and 4 allowed more than one answer; percentages are calculated using the number of people. 0 indicates the question was asked, but there were no responses with that answer. NA indicates the survey did not include the question. Surveys were conducted in December each year.

| 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Percent | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count |

1. How much leftover paint is in your home?

| | 264 | | 319 | | 363 | | 254 | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| None | 7.6 | 20 | 27.3 | 87 | 34.2 | 124 | 33.5 | 85 |
| Less than 1 gallon | 12.5 | 33 | 11.0 | 35 | 12.1 | 44 | 19.7 | 50 |
| 1-5 gallons (would fit in a cardboard box) | 51.5 | 136 | 38.2 | 122 | 31.1 | 113 | 31.5 | 80 |
| 5-15 gallons (would fit in a shopping cart) | 25.0 | 66 | 17.9 | 57 | 17.1 | 62 | 7.5 | 19 |
| 15-30 gallons (would fit in two shopping carts) | 3.0 | 8 | 1.6 | 5 | 1.7 | 6 | 0.0 | 0 |
| More than 30 gallons | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Yes, but I don't know how much | 0.4 | 1 | 3.8 | 12 | 3.9 | 14 | 7.9 | 20 |

2. Where did the paint come from? (check all that apply)

| | 264 | | 224 | | 239 | | 169 | |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| I did some painting myself and had some leftover | 73.9 | 195 | 76.3 | 171 | 72.8 | 174 | 78.1 | 132 |
| I hired someone to paint and they left it behind. | 30.3 | 80 | 29.9 | 67 | 28.9 | 69 | 14.8 | 25 |
| I found it in my home/business when I moved in | 23.1 | 61 | 29.5 | 66 | 33.5 | 80 | 16.6 | 28 |
| I am a painting contractor and it is from one of my jobs | 0.4 | 1 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 3.0 | 5 |
| I don't remember where the paint came from | NA | NA | NA | NA | 1.3 | 3 | 3.6 | 6 |
| Other | 3.8 | 10 | 3.1 | 7 | 2.5 | 6 | 4.7 | 8 |

3. What did you do with leftover paint? (check all that apply)

| | 264 | | 308 | | 363 | | 254 | |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|------|----|
| Poured it down the drain | 0.8 | 2 | 1.0 | 3 | 0.3 | 1 | 1.6 | 4 |
| Put can(s) of liquid paint in the trash | 3.8 | 10 | 4.2 | 13 | 0.8 | 3 | 2.8 | 7 |
| Dried out the paint and put it in the trash | 21.6 | 57 | 26.6 | 82 | 11.8 | 43 | 9.4 | 24 |
| Stored it in the basement or garage intend to use | 62.1 | 164 | 47.7 | 147 | 24.8 | 90 | 35.0 | 89 |
| Stored it in the basement or garage, don't know what to do | 16.7 | 44 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Took it to a paint store | 7.2 | 19 | 11.7 | 36 | 8.0 | 29 | 8.7 | 22 |
| Took it to a household hazardous waste event or facility | 36.4 | 96 | 40.6 | 125 | 26.4 | 96 | 16.5 | 42 |
| Gave it away to a family, friend or community organization | 8.7 | 23 | 14.3 | 44 | 4.4 | 16 | 5.1 | 13 |
| Left it behind when I moved | 6.4 | 17 | 12.3 | 38 | 3.6 | 13 | 3.9 | 10 |
| I don't know | 2.7 | 7 | 5.5 | 17 | 4.7 | 17 | 5.5 | 14 |
| I have never stored or disposed of leftover/unwanted paint | NA | NA | 11.4 | 35 | 11.3 | 41 | 10.2 | 26 |
| Other | 5.7 | 15 | 1.0 | 3 | 3.9 | 14 | 1.2 | 3 |

4. If you had unwanted paint, what would you do with it?

| | 264 | | 316 | | 363 | | 254 | |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| Pour it down the drain | 0.0 | 0 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.3 | 1 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Put can(s) of liquid paint in the trash | 1.9 | 5 | 1.6 | 5 | 2.8 | 10 | 3.5 | 9 |
| Dry out the paint and put it in the trash | 11.7 | 31 | 10.4 | 33 | 11.6 | 42 | 12.2 | 31 |
| Take it to a paint store | 8.3 | 22 | 14.6 | 46 | 16.5 | 60 | 25.6 | 65 |
| Take it to a household hazardous waste event or facility | 56.1 | 148 | 50.9 | 161 | 39.9 | 145 | 39.0 | 99 |
| Give it away to a family, friend or organization | 7.6 | 20 | 10.8 | 34 | 9.4 | 34 | 26.4 | 67 |
| I don't know | 9.5 | 25 | 7.6 | 24 | 13.8 | 50 | 15.7 | 40 |
| Other | 4.9 | 13 | 3.5 | 11 | 5.8 | 21 | 5.1 | 13 |

5. Did you know that paint can be recycled?

| | 264 | | 313 | | 363 | | 254 | |
|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Yes | 68.9 | 182 | 65.5 | 205 | 58.1 | 211 | 62.2 | 158 |
| No | 31.1 | 82 | 34.5 | 108 | 41.9 | 152 | 37.8 | 96 |

| 6. Have you ever taken paint to be recycled/disposed? If yes, when? | | 264 | | 313 | | 363 | | 254 |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| No | 45.5 | 120 | 53.0 | 166 | 62.0 | 225 | 68.1 | 173 |
| Yes, at some point during the past year | 18.9 | 50 | 11.8 | 37 | 10.7 | 39 | 11.8 | 30 |
| Yes, more than one year ago | 35.6 | 94 | 35.1 | 110 | 27.3 | 99 | 20.1 | 51 |

| 7. Do you know where to take unwanted paint? | | 261 | | 313 | | 363 | | 254 |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| No | 39.8 | 104 | 51.4 | 161 | 56.2 | 204 | 54.7 | 139 |
| Yes | 60.2 | 157 | 48.6 | 152 | 43.8 | 159 | 45.3 | 115 |
| If yes, where? (please specify) | | 109 | | 93 | | 116 | | 115 |

Responses to "If yes, where?" for December 2016:

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|--|--|
| <i>Douglas County Landfill</i> | <i>Miller Paint (2)</i> |
| <i>Glen Wood Transfer Station</i> | <i>Multnomah County Recycling</i> |
| <i>Goodwill</i> | <i>Orchard Supply Hardware</i> |
| <i>Habitat for Humanity (3)</i> | <i>Oregon City Recycle Center</i> |
| <i>HHW Event (4)</i> | <i>Paint Store (10)</i> |
| <i>HHW Facility (4)</i> | <i>Paint Store, Reuse Store or Local Landfill</i> |
| <i>High Country Disposal</i> | <i>Picked Up By Garbage Company</i> |
| <i>Home Depot (2)</i> | <i>Portland Metro Center</i> |
| <i>Jackson County Recycle Facility</i> | <i>Recycle Facility/Center (20)</i> |
| <i>Jerrys Home Improvement, Sherwin Williams or Lane Recycle Cen</i> | <i>Republic Waste Facility</i> |
| <i>Landfill/County Dump (8)</i> | <i>Restore or Landfill</i> |
| <i>Longview, WA Landfill</i> | <i>Rogue Valley Recycling (2)</i> |
| <i>Loren's Sanitation</i> | <i>Salem Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station</i> |
| <i>Lowe's</i> | <i>Sherwin Williams (6)</i> |
| <i>Marion County Disposal/Recycle Center (3)</i> | <i>Transfer Station (2)</i> |
| <i>Marion County Landfill</i> | <i>Washington County HHW Facility</i> |
| <i>Metro Paint (3)</i> | <i>Western Oregon Waste</i> |
| <i>Metro Recycling/HHW/Transfer Station (6)</i> | |

| 8. How far is the closest paint store? | | 264 | | 313 | | 363 | | 254 |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Less than 1 mile | 17.8 | 47 | 23.6 | 74 | 24.8 | 90 | 17.7 | 45 |
| 1-5 miles | 65.9 | 174 | 52.3 | 170 | 50.7 | 184 | 55.1 | 140 |
| 5-10 miles | 12.1 | 32 | 8.3 | 26 | 11.3 | 41 | 16.1 | 41 |
| 10-20 miles | 3.0 | 8 | 5.4 | 17 | 7.4 | 27 | 5.5 | 14 |
| 20-30 miles | 0.8 | 2 | 1.9 | 6 | 2.5 | 9 | 1.6 | 4 |
| Not sure | 0.4 | 1 | 6.4 | 20 | 3.3 | 12 | 3.9 | 10 |

| 9. How far would you drive to recycle or dispose of unwanted paint? | | 264 | | 313 | | 363 | | 254 |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| 20-30 miles | 4.9 | 13 | 11.2 | 35 | 7.7 | 28 | 11.4 | 29 |
| 10-20 miles | 22.0 | 58 | 22.0 | 69 | 24.5 | 89 | 22.8 | 58 |
| 5-10 miles | 40.5 | 107 | 30.0 | 94 | 32.5 | 118 | 37.8 | 96 |
| 1-5 miles | 29.9 | 79 | 24.0 | 75 | 25.1 | 91 | 15.4 | 39 |
| Less than 1 mile | 1.1 | 3 | 4.5 | 14 | 4.1 | 15 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Not sure | 1.5 | 4 | 8.3 | 26 | 6.1 | 22 | 11.4 | 29 |

| 10. What county do you live in? | | 264 | | 233 | | 363 | | 254 |
|--|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Baker | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Benton | 1.9 | 5 | 2.1 | 5 | 2.5 | 9 | 2.8 | 7 |
| Clackamas | 13.3 | 35 | 12.9 | 30 | 9.6 | 35 | 6.3 | 16 |
| Clark | 0.0 | 0 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Clatsop | 0.8 | 3 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.8 | 3 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Columbia | 0.8 | 2 | 1.3 | 3 | 1.4 | 5 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Coos | 1.1 | 3 | 0.9 | 2 | 1.1 | 4 | 1.6 | 4 |

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|------------|------|----|------|----|------|-----|------|----|
| Crook | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Curry | 0.4 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Deschutes | 3.4 | 9 | 3.0 | 7 | 3.0 | 11 | 3.1 | 8 |
| Douglas | 0.8 | 2 | 2.6 | 6 | 1.7 | 6 | 3.5 | 9 |
| Gilliam | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Grant | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Harney | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Hood River | 0.4 | 1 | 1.7 | 4 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Jackson | 4.2 | 11 | 3.4 | 8 | 2.8 | 10 | 6.3 | 16 |
| Jefferson | 0.4 | 1 | 1.7 | 4 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Josephine | 2.3 | 6 | 2.1 | 5 | 1.1 | 4 | 2.0 | 5 |
| Klamath | 1.5 | 4 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.0 | 0 | 2.8 | 7 |
| Lake | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Lane | 9.1 | 24 | 8.2 | 19 | 9.1 | 33 | 11.4 | 29 |
| Lincoln | 0.0 | 0 | 0.9 | 2 | 2.5 | 9 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Linn | 1.1 | 3 | 1.3 | 3 | 1.7 | 6 | 3.5 | 9 |
| Malheur | 0.0 | 0 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Marion | 8.0 | 21 | 5.6 | 13 | 5.8 | 21 | 9.4 | 24 |
| Multnomah | 27.3 | 72 | 28.8 | 67 | 31.4 | 114 | 20.9 | 53 |
| Polk | 1.5 | 4 | 2.6 | 6 | 2.5 | 9 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Sherman | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Tillamook | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Umatilla | 1.1 | 3 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.8 | 3 | 1.2 | 3 |
| Union | 0.4 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Wallowa | 0.4 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Wasco | 0.8 | 2 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.6 | 2 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Washington | 15.5 | 41 | 13.7 | 32 | 16.3 | 59 | 15.0 | 38 |
| Wheeler | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Yamhill | 2.3 | 6 | 2.1 | 5 | 3.0 | 11 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Not Sure | 0.4 | 1 | * | 77 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |

**In 2014 we asked respondents to type in their county, rather than choose from a list; 77 people did not enter their county. Their responses are not used in the total for percentage calculations in order to have relative numbers for those who responded.*

11. How would you describe the place where you live?

| | | 264 | | 312 | | 363 | | 254 |
|------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Urban / Major City | 31.1 | 82 | 29.8 | 93 | 34.2 | 124 | 23.2 | 59 |
| Suburban | 34.1 | 90 | 34.0 | 106 | 28.1 | 102 | 33.5 | 85 |
| Small City or Town | 16.7 | 44 | 23.4 | 73 | 20.7 | 75 | 28.7 | 73 |
| Rural / Countryside | 18.2 | 48 | 12.5 | 39 | 15.4 | 56 | 14.6 | 37 |
| Other (please specify) | 0.0 | 0 | 0.3 | 1 | 1.7 | 6 | 0.0 | 0 |

12. Where do you live?

| | | 264 | | 310 | | 363 | | 254 |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Single-family house | 91.3 | 241 | 75.5 | 234 | 74.1 | 269 | 61.0 | 155 |
| Two or Three-family house | 3.0 | 8 | 2.3 | 7 | 4.7 | 17 | 6.3 | 16 |
| Condominium or apartment building with many units | 4.5 | 12 | 19.0 | 59 | 15.4 | 56 | 22.0 | 56 |
| Manufactured or Mobile Home | NA | NA | 3.2 | 10 | 3.3 | 12 | 8.7 | 22 |
| Other (please specify) | 1.1 | 3 | 0.0 | 0 | 1.7 | 6 | 2.0 | 5 |

13. Do you paint professionally?

| | | 264 | | 319 | | 363 | | 254 |
|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Yes | 0.4 | 1 | 2.5 | 8 | 0.6 | 2 | 4.7 | 12 |
| No | 99.6 | 263 | 97.5 | 311 | 99.4 | 361 | 95.3 | 242 |

14. What is your age?

| | | 264 | | 310 | | 363 | | 254 |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Under 21 | 0.4 | 1 | 1.9 | 6 | 2.5 | 9 | 6.3 | 16 |
| 21-40 | 18.6 | 49 | 28.7 | 89 | 31.1 | 113 | 43.3 | 110 |
| 41-60 | 40.5 | 107 | 36.1 | 112 | 35.0 | 127 | 28.0 | 71 |
| Over 60 | 38.6 | 102 | 33.2 | 103 | 29.5 | 107 | 22.4 | 57 |
| Prefer not to say | 1.9 | 5 | 0.0 | 0 | 1.9 | 7 | 0.0 | 0 |

15. Gender

| | | 264 | | 310 | | 363 | | 254 |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Male | 45.1 | 119 | 44.2 | 137 | 43.8 | 159 | 20.5 | 52 |
| Female | 53.8 | 142 | 55.8 | 173 | 54.0 | 196 | 79.5 | 202 |
| Prefer not to say | 1.1 | 3 | 0.0 | 0 | 2.2 | 8 | 0.0 | 0 |

16. Educational Level

| | | 264 | | 310 | | 363 | | 254 |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Some High School | 0.4 | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.6 | 2 | 3.5 | 9 |
| High School Graduate | 6.1 | 16 | 5.2 | 16 | 7.2 | 26 | 18.1 | 46 |
| Some College, Vocational, Trade, or Technical | 23.5 | 62 | 33.5 | 104 | 27.3 | 99 | 43.3 | 110 |
| 4 year degree or higher | 68.6 | 181 | 60.0 | 186 | 63.9 | 232 | 35.0 | 89 |
| Prefer not to say | 1.5 | 4 | 1.0 | 3 | 1.1 | 4 | 0.0 | 0 |

17. What is your household income?

| | | 264 | | 310 | | 363 | | 254 |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| Less than \$50K | 17.0 | 45 | 29.7 | 92 | 29.8 | 108 | 54.7 | 139 |
| \$50 – 100K | 36.4 | 96 | 37.7 | 117 | 32.8 | 119 | 28.3 | 72 |
| \$100 – 150K | 22.7 | 60 | 13.9 | 43 | 13.8 | 50 | 9.4 | 24 |
| Over \$150K | 8.7 | 23 | 6.1 | 19 | 9.9 | 36 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Prefer not to say | 15.2 | 40 | 12.6 | 39 | 13.8 | 50 | 6.7 | 17 |