



Information for Solid Waste Transfer Stations, Recycling Facilities and Landfills

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Rhode Island's paint stewardship law supports paint collection activities at solid waste transfer stations, recycling facilities and landfills.

Paint Stewardship Program in Rhode Island

Rhode Island's paint stewardship law was passed in June 2012. The new law required paint manufacturers to implement a comprehensive postconsumer paint management program in Rhode Island that includes making paint recycling easier for the public. The Rhode Island program began in June 2014.

Transfer stations, household hazardous waste (HHW) or recycling facilities and landfills can participate in the program by serving as paint drop-off sites for their customers. The cost of transportation and recycling of PaintCare products (e.g., paint, stains, varnish) is paid by PaintCare. Funding for the Program comes from a "PaintCare Fee" applied to the sale of architectural paint sold in Rhode Island as of June 2014.



PaintCare

PaintCare Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement state-mandated paint stewardship programs on behalf of paint manufacturers in each state that adopts a paint stewardship law. PaintCare currently operates programs in California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Making Paint Recycling More Convenient

PaintCare establishes drop-off sites statewide for households and businesses to take leftover architectural paint. Although most drop-off sites are paint retailers, solid waste transfer stations (both municipal and private), household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities, recycling centers and landfills may also volunteer to be PaintCare drop-off sites. Facilities that would like to become a drop-off site can fill out the Interest Form available in the Waste Facilities section of www.paintcare.org/RI.

Benefits to Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities

- ◆ Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient for your community
- ◆ Help your state conserve resources and keep paint out of the solid waste stream
- ◆ Save money on municipally-generated leftover paint
- ◆ Optional: Offer paint in good condition to the public for reuse, and receive a reimbursement based on either volume (\$1.60 per gallon) or by container (30 cents per quart container, \$1.20 per 1-gallon container, and \$6.00 per 5-gallon container). See our factsheet Reuse Programs Compensation and Reporting for details.

PaintCare Drop-off Sites Receive

- ◆ Storage bins
- ◆ Transportation and recycling services for the collected paint
- ◆ On-site staff training and training materials
- ◆ Program brochures and signage
- ◆ Optional: Free publicity if your site allows the public to drop off program products

Drop-off Site Responsibilities

- ◆ Provide secure storage area for collection bins (cubic yard boxes shown below) or drums
- ◆ Accept PaintCare products from your customers during normal operating hours
- ◆ Properly pack PaintCare products in storage bins
- ◆ Assist transporter with loading and unloading of full and empty storage bins
- ◆ Complete minimal paperwork related to tracking outgoing paint shipments
- ◆ Ensure staff are trained in PaintCare program guidelines and operating procedures

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What Products Are Covered?

The products accepted at PaintCare drop-off sites are the same products that have a fee when they are sold.

PaintCare products include interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of five gallons or less. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings.

PaintCare Products

- ◆ Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- ◆ Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- ◆ Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- ◆ Stains
- ◆ Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- ◆ Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- ◆ Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- ◆ Field and lawn paints

Non-PaintCare Products

- ◆ Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- ◆ Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- ◆ Auto and marine paints
- ◆ Art and craft paints
- ◆ Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- ◆ Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- ◆ Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- ◆ Roof patch and repair
- ◆ Asphalt, tar and bitumen-based products
- ◆ 2-component coatings
- ◆ Deck cleaners
- ◆ Traffic and road marking paints
- ◆ Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- ◆ Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes