



800 MILLION GALLONS

of architectural paint are estimated
to be sold in the U.S. each year.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT 10% GOES UNUSED & CAN BE REUSED OR RECYCLED?

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE COVERED?

PaintCare sites accept house
paint as well as primers, stains,
sealers, and clear coatings,
such as shellac and varnish.

All products must be in their original, labeled
containers (no larger than five gallons) and must
be covered with a secure lid. Certain products
are not accepted.

Please call drop-off sites ahead of time to confirm
business hours and whether they can accept
the type and amount of paint you intend to recycle.

[Review the list of accepted products:
paintcare.org/products](https://paintcare.org/products)



Scan for more
information about the
PaintCare program.
paintcare.org



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Recycle Leftover Paint



A PROGRAM TO MANAGE LEFTOVER PAINT

PaintCare makes it easy and free to recycle! Created by paint companies, the nonprofit program provides conveniently located drop-off sites—such as paint and hardware stores—in states that pass paint stewardship laws.

The program provides tips for avoiding waste in the first place, storing paint carefully, and using it up.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH LEFTOVER PAINT?

Find your nearest year-round drop-off site by using our online locator at paintcare.org, or call us at (855) PAINT09. There is no cost for dropping off paint and our sites accept up to 5 gallons per visit (some take more). Store paint carefully to ensure it stays fresh and can be reused or recycled into new paint! There's no longer any reason to dry out paint and throw it away.

Get tips: paintcare.org/paint-smarter

DO YOU HAVE A PICKUP SERVICE FOR LARGE VOLUMES OF PAINT?

If you have at least 100 gallons of paint to recycle at your business or home, we offer a free large volume pickup service at your location.

Request a pickup: paintcare.org/pickup

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PAINT?

PaintCare manages leftover paint responsibly through reuse, recycling, or proper disposal. Most latex paint collected in the program is sent to recycling processors and made into new paint and most oil-based paint is used as fuel.

WHO CAN USE THE PROGRAM?

Households and businesses in states where PaintCare operates can use the program. Depending on where you live, limits may apply to businesses for oil-based paint.

Learn more: paintcare.org/business-limits



WHAT IS THE PAINTCARE FEE?

PaintCare is funded by a fee added to the price of each container of new paint sold in states that have paint stewardship laws. It is applied to the same products that are accepted at PaintCare drop-off sites, and there is no additional cost when dropping off paint.

FEE RANGES VARY BY CONTAINER SIZE AND BY STATE:

Small containers

e.g., pints & quarts | \$0.30–\$0.65

Mid-sized containers

e.g., 1–2 gallons | \$0.65–\$1.45

Larger sizes

e.g., up to 5 gallons | \$1.50–\$2.75

The PaintCare fee is not a tax; it does not go to the state. The PaintCare fee is not a deposit; you do not get it back when you drop off paint.

Find all fees: paintcare.org/fee