PaintCare offers a free pickup service to painting contractors, property managers, and others with large amounts of leftover architectural paint.

**Who Is PaintCare?**

PaintCare is a nonprofit organization established by the American Coatings Association to operate paint stewardship programs on behalf of paint manufacturers in states that pass paint stewardship laws.

In states with a paint stewardship program (see www.paintcare.org/states), PaintCare’s primary effort is to set up conveniently located drop-off sites—places where households and businesses may take their unwanted paint for no charge. Sites set their own limits on the volume of paint they accept from customers per visit, usually from 5 to 20 gallons. To find a drop-off site near you, please use PaintCare’s site locator at www.paintcare.org or call (855) PAINT09.

**Large Volume Pickups**

In states where PaintCare operates a paint stewardship program, those who have accumulated a large volume of paint may be eligible for PaintCare’s large volume pickup service (LVP). Large volume means 100 or more gallons, measured by container size, not liquid volume. On a case-by-case basis, PaintCare may approve a pickup for less than 100 gallons. After two or three pickups, you may be switched to a repeat pickup service (see next page).

**Drums and Bulked Paint Are Not Accepted**

PaintCare only accepts paint in containers that are 5 gallons or smaller in size. Leave paint in original cans with original labels; do not combine or bulk paint from small cans into larger ones. If you have unwanted paint in drums or containers larger than 5 gallons, please contact a paint recycling company or a hazardous waste transportation company to assist you.

**HOW TO REQUEST AN LVP**

1. **Sort and count your paint**
   Tally the number of each container size and the type of products you have, sorted into two categories: (1) water-based paints and stains, and (2) oil-based paint and stains and any other program products (sealers and clear top-coat products, such as varnish and shellac).

2. **Fill out the request form**
   Fill out the Large Volume Pickup Request Form on our website (www.paintcare.org/pickup). Upon request, the form is also available as a PDF and can be returned to PaintCare by email or regular mail. Call PaintCare to request the printable form.

**Scheduling**

After reviewing your form, PaintCare staff will either approve your site for a pickup or inform you of the best place to take your paint if you do not meet the requirements. If approved, you will be put in contact with our licensed hauler to schedule a pickup. It may be several weeks before your pickup occurs.

**On the Day of Your Pickup**

Sort your products into the two categories noted above and store them in an area that has easy access for the hauler. If the paint is far from where the hauler parks, the path between should be at least four feet wide to accommodate movement of the paint collection bins.
The hauler is responsible for packing the paint into the bins. Once your paint is properly packed and loaded onto the hauler’s truck, you will sign a shipping document and receive a copy for your records. Your paint will then be taken to an authorized processing facility for recycling.

**Repeat Service for LVPs**

For businesses that generate large volumes of unwanted paint on a regular basis, a service for recurring direct pickups is available. With this service, you will be provided with reusable collection bins and can request a pickup when at least three bins are filled. Your full bins will be swapped with empty bins each time a pickup occurs. You will be required to sign a contract with PaintCare, and PaintCare will provide onsite training on how to properly pack the paint.

**Business Limits**

To use the PaintCare program for oil-based paint, a business must qualify as an exempt generator under federal and any analogous state hazardous waste generator rules. Please visit www.paintcare.org/VSQG for more information on exempt generator rules. If your business does not qualify as an exempt generator, it will not be able to use the program for oil-based paint, but it can still use the program for latex products. (Non-exempt generators will be able to use the program under development in New York. Contact PaintCare for details about the New York program.)

**If You Have Products We Don’t Accept**

PaintCare does not accept certain paint products (such as aerosols and automotive finishes) or other hazardous waste. If you have solvents, thinners, pesticides, or any non-PaintCare products (see list to right for examples), we recommend that households contact their local household hazardous waste (HHW) program. Some HHW programs also allow businesses to use their program for a modest fee. Otherwise, businesses should contact a licensed hazardous waste transportation company.

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**What Products Are Covered?**

The products accepted by the PaintCare program are the same products that have a fee when they are sold. PaintCare products include interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in container sizes of five gallons or less. 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
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes
- 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