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.

Paint Drop-Off Sites
In states with a paint stewardship program, PaintCare’s primary effort is to set up conveniently located drop-off sites—places where residents 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
For those who have accumulated a large volume of paint, PaintCare also offers a pickup service. Large volume means at least 200 gallons, measured by container size (not volume). On a case-by-case basis, PaintCare may approve a pickup for less than 200 gallons if there are no drop-off sites in your area. 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 A LARGE VOLUME PICKUP

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 LVP Request Form and send it in
   Fill out the Large Volume Pickup Request Form on our website. Or print and fill out the PDF and return it to PaintCare by email, fax, or regular mail. Visit www.paintcare.org or call PaintCare for the 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 boxes.
Business must have staff available to assist the hauler on the day of pickup. The hauler is responsible to pack the paint into the shipping containers, but we require your staff to be present and provide assistance. 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 Large Volume Pickups
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 empty 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 on-site training on how to properly pack the paint.

Limits on Businesses
To use the program for oil-based products, your waste must qualify as exempt under federal (40 CFR § 262.14) and state/local hazardous waste generator rules. Most notably, these rules require that your business (a) generates no more than 220 pounds (about 20–30 gallons, depending on product type) of hazardous waste per month, and (b) accumulates no more than 2,200 pounds (approximately 220 gallons) of hazardous waste at any given time. If your business does not qualify as an exempt generator, it will not be able to use the program for oil-based products, but can still use the program for water-based products. For more information on federal hazardous generator rules, please go to www.paintcare.org/limits.

Note: When calculating how much hazardous waste you generate in a month, do not count latex paint.

If You Have Products We Don’t Accept
PaintCare does not accept all paints (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 residents 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.

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 that are no larger than 5 gallons. 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