# **PaintCare**

Buy Right. Use it Up. Recycle the Rest.









#### What is PaintCare?

An estimated 10% of all architectural paint sold is leftover—that's approximately 78 million gallons each year in the United States. The majority of this paint goes unused.

In most states, government-run household hazardous waste (HHW) programs manage leftover paint. In states with stewardship programs, paint manufacturers take on this responsibility.

Through the American Coatings Association, paint manufacturers created PaintCare Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to develop and implement effective and cost-efficient paint stewardship programs in those states with paint stewardship laws.

PaintCare has set up more than 1,780 convenient locations throughout eight states and the District of Columbia where households and business can take leftover, unwanted paint for recycling. Most locations are paint and hardware stores, while others are solid waste or HHW facilities. Participation as a drop-off site is voluntary.

# **Savings to Local Government**

PaintCare partners with HHW and other government collection programs to cover their costs for transportation, recycling, and proper disposal of leftover paint accepted from the public—saving governments money year over year. We work with sites and events in all areas of a state—urban and rural. Highlights include:

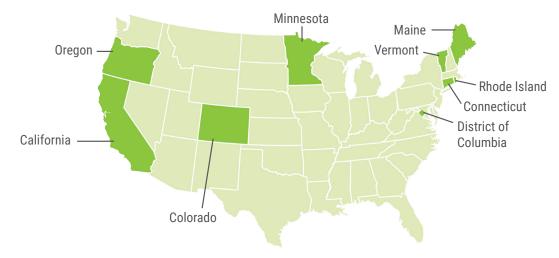
200+ partnerships with government run solid waste and HHW facilities3,147 HHW events supported by PaintCare to date



# 27 Million Gallons Collected

Most paint collected is manufactured into recycled-content paint, while some is burned for fuel, distributed to the public ("reuse"), or used for another beneficial purpose. Only a small amount of paint is unusable and landfilled.

## **PaintCare States**



# **Funding for Paint Recycling**

PaintCare's programs are funded by fees applied to the purchase price of new paint. These funds are solely used to run the programs, including collection, transportation, and recycling, as well as public education and outreach.

Container Size	CA, CO, CT, ME, OR, RI	DC	MN	VT
Half pint or smaller	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pints and Quarts	\$0.35	\$0.45	\$0.49	\$0.49
1 Gallon	\$0.75	N/A	N/A	\$0.99
1-2 Gallons	N/A	\$0.95	\$0.99	N/A
Larger than 1 gal to 5 gal	\$1.60	N/A	N/A	\$1.99
Larger than 2 gal to 5 gal	N/A	\$1.95	\$1.99	N/A

Manufacturers remit the fees to PaintCare for each container of paint sold in a state. The cost is then passed down by manufacturers to retailers that charge the fee to the end-user purchasing paint. Only products accepted for recycling are assessed the fee. The fee is neither a deposit nor a tax.

# **Products Recycled by PaintCare**

PaintCare collects architectural coatings that are in original containers, including water-based, oil-based, acrylic, alkyd, enamel, and textured. For a full list of acceptable products, visit paintcare.org/products-we-accept.



### WE ACCEPT

- · Latex house paint
- · Oil-based house paint
- Primer

- Stains
- Sealers
- Varnish and shellac

#### **WE CAN'T ACCEPT**

- Aerosols (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- · 2-part paints
- Road marking paint

- Industrial paint
- · Tints and resins
- Thinner and solvent
- Caulk and spackle

- Wood treatment/ preservatives
- · Deck cleaner
- Tar/asphalt products

#### **CONTAINERS**

- No larger than 5 gallons
- Must have original labels
- Must not be leaking
- Must have secure lids

# Free Large Volume Pickup Service

PaintCare will pick up 200 or more gallons of leftover paint from any household, business, or institution at no charge. Businesses that benefit from this convenient service include painting contractors, schools and universities, hotels, and amusement parks, among many others. PaintCare has performed 2,252 Large Volume Pickups to date.



#### **Public Outreach**

PaintCare develops and distributes print and digital materials to educate the public about buying the right amount of paint for their projects, using up any leftovers, and recycling the rest. Below are examples of PaintCare's *Keep What You Need, and Recycle the Rest* video commercial, a newspaper ad, a mini card, and a digital banner.















# **Drop-Off Site Locator Tool**

PaintCare's website, paintcare.org, provides an online map for anyone to easily find their closest paint drop-off location. Or call PaintCare's toll-free hotline to get assistance: (855)-PAINT09.





#### **CALIFORNIA**

- 800 + year-round drop-off locations
- 98.5% of residents live within 15 miles of a location
- 40+ one-day paint collection events
- 157 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began October 2012

#### **COLORADO**

- 155\* year-round drop-off locations
- 94.6% of residents live within 15 miles of a location
- 30+ one-day paint collection events
- 24 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began July 2015

#### CONNECTICUT

- 145+ year-round drop-off locations
- 100% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- 47 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began July 2013



#### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- 8 year-round drop-off locations
- 5 one-day paint collection events
- 1 partnership with a solid waste, recycling, and HHW facility (only facility)

Program began November 2016

#### **MAINE**

- 110 year-round drop-off locations
- 95.3% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- 35 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities

Program began October 2015





- 260+ year-round drop-off locations
- 93% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- 65 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities (all facilities)

Program began November 2014





#### **OREGON**

- 175+ year-round drop-off locations
- 96.3% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- 27 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began July 2010

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

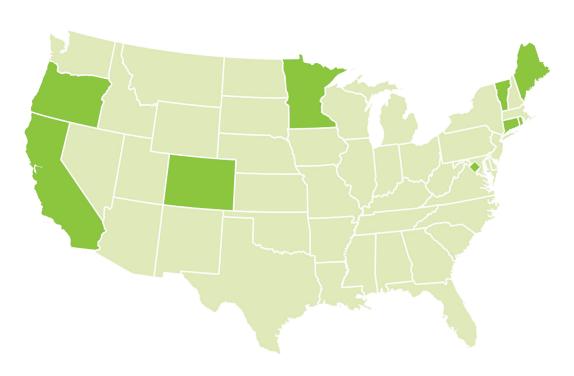
- 30+ year-round drop-off locations
- 99.9% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- 4 partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began June 2014





#### **VERMONT**

- 70 + year-round drop-off locations
- 99.5% of residents live within 15 miles of a drop-off location
- # partnerships with solid waste, recycling, and HHW facilities
   Program began May 2014



Since 2010, the nation's capital and eight states have demonstrated the effectiveness of paint stewardship programs.



Visit paintcare.org to learn more and find out where to drop off leftover paint in your community.

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