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**PaintCare™**

**RECYCLING MADE EASY**

**Paint Stewardship Program**

**WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER PAINT?**

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Join your neighbors and lend **your voice** to getting this environmentally important PaintCare program running in Massachusetts!

**Together We Can Do This!**

**What are the benefits of PaintCare?**

* **A No cost or waiting way to get rid of unused and unwanted paint!**
* **Eliminates a hazardous waste**.
* Decreases the amount of waste going into our landfills.

**Do other states have a PaintCare Law?**

Presently all our surrounding states (CT, RI, ME, VT, and NY) except New Hampshire have the PaintCare program and appreciate it!

**How does PaintCare Work?**

* **Paint consumers** pay an additional amount that is less than $1 per gallon at time of purchase and pay nothing to discard unused paint**.**
* **Retailers and Transfer Stations:** accept paint that can be recycled and place it in totes. They pay no fees.
* **PaintCare,** a non-profit, covers all costs and arranges for transportation of full totes to processing centers and for processing that makes up to 90% of latex reusable and prepares 100% of oil-based paint for use as fuel in commercialhazardous waste incinerators that have stack gas cleaning systems.
* **The state government** checks PaintCare’s books annually to assure PaintCare is not making a profit from their work, and if they are, decreases fees.

**How can I help bring PaintCare to Massachusetts?**

**Get Heard! Write to your representative and senator requesting them to support and cosponsor this important PaintCare bill!**

**Berkshire County Legislators**

**Senator for every town in Berkshire County:**

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**Please also copy your email to Bill sponsors:**

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**Additional Questions?**

* + **Go to the PaintCare.org website**
  + **Or write to** [**PaintCare4MA@yahoo.com**](mailto:PaintCare4MA@yahoo.com) **for questions or to request a sample letter to help you get started!**

**Paint Disposal Options**

**Your Current Paint Disposal Options**

**Aerosols –** save for the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

**Latex –** leftover latex paint can be hardened by mixing with cat litter or by purchasing a paint hardener at a hardware store. When solidified with lids off can be disposed of with other household trash.

**Oil-Base** – Includes shellacs, stains, turpentine, and varnish. Save for the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

**Thinners / Strippers** – Save for the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

**Future Alternative: Paint Recycling**

**PaintCare in Massachusetts would allow you the following options:**

**Latex Paints**

Bring to your local participating paint store or Transfer Station. Becoming a paint recycle center is voluntary, so check that your paint store or Transfer Station participates!

**Oil Based Paints**

Bring to your local participating paint store or Transfer Station. A paint recycle center will be within 15 miles of your home!

**Other Paints** (**See column on far right**)

Save for the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

**Accepted (By Future PaintCare!)**

**With PaintCare these products will be accepted at no additional cost when dropped off at PaintCare’s participating drop-off sites!**

* 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

**Requirements for your containers:**

**Your future container must have or be:**

* The Original container
* Original manufacturer’s label
* Covered with a secure lid
* Not leaking
* Not empty

**Easy, right?**

**Not Accepted**

**The following are non-PaintCare products and are not currently included in the program. When purchased, the PaintCare fee does not apply to these items.**

* 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

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