



## Minnesota Paint Stewardship Program

# Information for HHW Programs

## Minnesota's paint stewardship law benefits Household Hazardous Waste Programs.

A law passed in May 2013 requires paint manufacturers to establish a Paint Stewardship Program in Minnesota. Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Programs that participate can save money on paint management costs. Program funding comes from a "PaintCare Recovery Fee" on the sale of architectural paint sold in Minnesota when the program starts.

### Paint Stewardship Program in Minnesota

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement state-mandated paint stewardship programs on behalf of paint manufacturers in each state that adopts a paint stewardship law.

Minnesota is the fifth state to pass such a law. PaintCare currently operates programs in Oregon, California and Connecticut, and programs are being planned for Minnesota, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine.

### When Does the Program Begin?

The Program is slated to launch on July 1, 2014. PaintCare must submit a detailed Stewardship Plan, on behalf of paint manufacturers, to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by March 1, 2014. The Agency must approve the Plan for the Program to begin.

### Making Paint Recycling More Convenient

PaintCare will establish drop-off sites statewide for residents and businesses to take leftover architectural paint. Although most drop-off sites will be at paint retailers,



municipal household hazardous waste (HHW) programs and waste transfer stations may also volunteer to be PaintCare drop-off sites and have their paint transportation and recycling/disposal costs paid by PaintCare.

### Benefits to HHW Programs

- Make recycling of leftover paint more convenient
- Save on transportation and recycling/disposal
- Conserve resources and keep paint out of the solid waste stream
- Allow residents to bring paint with other HHW in one trip to one site

### PaintCare Partners Receive

- Collection bins
- Transportation and recycling/disposal services
- Staff training at your site
- Program guidelines
- Free publicity of HHW site or event (optional)

## Drop-off Site Responsibilities

- Provide secure storage area for collection bins (cubic yard boxes or drums)
- Accept program products from the public during normal operating hours
- Properly pack program products in collection bins
- Assist with loading and unloading of full and empty storage bins
- Complete minimal paperwork related to tracking outgoing paint shipments
- Ensure staff are trained in PaintCare program guidelines and operating procedures



## Will PaintCare Require Operational Changes?

- If your program does not currently accept latex paint, PaintCare will not require you to do so. If you wish to start accepting latex paint, PaintCare will cover the transportation and disposal costs.
- If your program does not currently accept paint from businesses, PaintCare will not require you to do so. If you wish to start accepting paint from businesses, PaintCare will cover the transportation and disposal costs.
- PaintCare may choose to only contract with one transporter to pick up paint from all PaintCare sites in the state, whether retail or HHW. If your current hazardous waste transporter is not the same company, a second hauler may transport paint from your event or facility.

## Water-Based (Latex) Paint is a Resource

An important goal of the PaintCare Program is to conserve resources and increase the volume of paint that is recycled. Not all HHW programs accept water-based paint because it is expensive to manage and is not classified as hazardous. Residents and businesses are often instructed to let water-based paint dry out and then dispose of the dry paint in the trash. Through the PaintCare program, all paint including latex will be treated as a resource and recycled to the maximum extent possible.

## What Products are Covered?

Architectural paints (“Program Products”) are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or less. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings. Here are examples:

### PROGRAM PRODUCTS

- 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

### NON-PROGRAM 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
- 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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