



# Recycle

WITH **PaintCare**



## PaintCare Products

*These products have a fee when you buy them and are accepted for drop-off at no additional cost:*

- 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

*Leaking, unlabeled, and empty containers are not accepted at drop-off sites.*

## Non-PaintCare Products

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulk, 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

For information about recycling and proper disposal of non-PaintCare products, please contact the District's Department of Public Works.



## A Program to Manage Leftover Paint

*Each year about 850 million gallons of architectural paint are sold in the United States. Did you know that about 10 percent goes unused and can be reused and recycled?*

The District of Columbia's paint stewardship law requires the paint manufacturing industry to operate a financially sustainable and environmentally responsible program to manage postconsumer (leftover) architectural paint. Paint manufacturers created PaintCare, a nonprofit organization, to run paint stewardship programs in states with applicable laws.

The program includes education about buying the right amount of paint, tips for using up remaining paint, and setting up convenient recycling locations throughout the District.

## Where Do I Take Leftover Paint?

Paint recycling is convenient with PaintCare. We set up paint drop-off sites throughout the District. To find your nearest drop-off site, use PaintCare's drop-off site locator at [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) or call our hotline at (855) PAINT09.

## How to Recycle

PaintCare sites accept all brands of leftover house paint, stain, and varnish, whether recently used or many years old. Containers must be five gallons or smaller, and some types of paint are not accepted. See back panel for a list of what PaintCare accepts.

All PaintCare drop-off sites accept up to five gallons of paint per visit. Some sites accept more. Please call sites in advance to confirm business hours and make sure they can accept the amount of paint you would like to recycle.

Make sure all paint containers have lids and original labels, and load them securely in your vehicle if driving. Take them to a drop-off site during their regular business hours. We'll take it from there.



## What Happens to the Paint?

PaintCare makes sure that your leftover paint is processed into recycled paint, used as a fuel, made into other products, or is properly disposed if no other beneficial use for it can be found.

## Who Can Use the Program?

Households may drop off as much latex or oil-based paint as the PaintCare drop-off site is willing to accept. For households with more than 5 gallons of paint, PaintCare offers a direct pickup service. For information, visit <https://paint-pickup-dc.eventbrite.com>.

Businesses may drop off any amount of latex-based paint the PaintCare drop-off site is willing to accept, but limits may apply to oil-based paint. Visit [www.paintcare.org/business-limits](http://www.paintcare.org/business-limits) for more information. Painting contractors based outside of the District may use PaintCare drop-off sites and events for paint purchased on behalf of customers in the District.

## Do You Accept Large Volumes of Paint?

If you have at least 100 gallons of paint to recycle at your business or home, ask about our free large volume pickup service. Please visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for more details or to request a pickup.



## PaintCare Fee

PaintCare is funded by a fee paid by paint manufacturers for each can of paint sold in the District. Manufacturers pass the fee to retailers, who then apply it to the price of paint. Retailers are encouraged to show the fee on customer receipts. The fee is based on the size of the container as follows:

\$ 0.00	Half pint or smaller
\$ 0.30	Larger than half pint up to smaller than 1 gallon
\$ 0.70	1–2 gallons
\$ 1.60	Larger than 2 gallons up to 5 gallons

## Not a Deposit

The fee is not a deposit—it is part of the purchase price. The fee is used to fund the costs of running the program, including recycling, public education, staffing, and other expenses.

## Contact Us

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