

## PROPER BIN STORAGE TIPS AND PAINTCARE PRODUCT NOTICE

### WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

Winter is coming, along with the sometimes nasty conditions it brings. As some of you know, the northern part of the state has already seen some flurries. As winter descends upon the entire state, PaintCare would like to remind drop-off sites to remove ice and snow from areas where hauler trucks will park and bins will exit the building. On the scheduled pick-up day, it is also helpful if sites create a clear path in the store for bins to gracefully navigate to the door. Thank you in advance for helping ensure a smooth and quick pick-up!

### STORING PAINT DROP-OFF BINS

Paint retailers that serve as drop-off sites for leftover, unwanted paint provide a valuable community service and enjoy the promise of increased foot traffic. When stores sign up to be a drop-off site, they receive a storage bin for paint, in-person staff training from the PaintCare state manager, and a binder for future reference and record keeping. Although staff time required for being a drop-off site is minimal, sites need to properly store and maintain paint storage bins at all times.

Storage bins are delivered to drop-off sites by the same hauling company assigned to pick up the bins when they are full. Storage bins kept inside a store must be secured from immediate public access, while outdoor bins need to be secured by a fenced enclosure in accordance with applicable state permits. The fence should be locked when a site is closed for business.

The labels supplied with bins should be affixed to the side, and bins should be positioned so the labels can be easily read. The lids on bins should be kept closed at all times, except when staff are placing paint in them.

If a bin appears damaged upon delivery – or is damaged at any other time – or if labels are not provided with a bin, drop-off sites should contact their assigned hauling company right away.

For specific questions about bin storage and maintenance, please contact Steve Pincuspy, Minnesota program manager.



### FURNITURE POLISH: NOT A PAINTCARE PRODUCT

Occasionally, we are asked if furniture polishes, oils, and waxes are covered by PaintCare, so we have written a new notice to clarify that they are not part of the program. These products do not have PaintCare fees applied to them at the time of purchase and are not accepted at PaintCare drop-off locations. These products include -- but are not limited to -- Danish, linseed, tung, and lemon oil.

Furniture polishes, waxes, and oils are often used to clean and protect wood furniture, not stationary structures, and they are not considered architectural coatings. They are regulated as "consumer products," not by the rules for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) coatings which are used to define the paints, stains, and varnishes included in the PaintCare program.





PaintCare issues product notices to clarify which products are covered by the program. To view all notices, please visit our website.

## SPOTLIGHT ON COATINGS: PRIMERS AND UNDERCOATS ARE PAINTCARE PRODUCTS TOO!

When you think about recycling paint, you might conjure up an image of someone removing partially-full cans of latex or oil-based house paint out of their basement and driving them to a paint drop-off location. However, there are other varieties of architectural coatings that are recyclable, including primers and undercoats.

Primers and undercoats are covered by PaintCare. This means that the PaintCare fee is applied to them at the time of purchase and that they are accepted for free when taken to a PaintCare drop-off location.

The terms "primer" and "undercoat" can sometimes get mixed up, but as a rule, you should remember that while an undercoat is always a primer, a primer is not always an undercoat.

All types of primers seal, prevent stains or discoloration from bleeding through, and bond to form a firm foundation for topcoats. Primers can be alkyd or latex-based and have useful applications on interior and exterior surfaces.

Undercoats are a subset of the primer category, and serve to provide a smooth, uniform, and even surface for topcoats. Undercoats come in alkyd or latex formulations, but are also available in lacquer formulations.

While primers and undercoats are an accepted program product, please remember that they must be in containers that are no larger than five gallons in size, just like other PaintCare products. They must also be in their original containers, and the containers must have a label and secured lid.

For a complete list of all accepted PaintCare products, visit [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org).



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