

# Vermont Paint Stewardship Program Transfer Station Collection Facility Waste Paint Management Services

In August of 2014, the Town of Norwich entered into an agreement with PaintCare®, Inc. for the collection of used paint to be recycled and/or disposed of using environmentally sound management practices. We will start accepting paint during regular Transfer Station hours starting in September.

## Section 1 PaintCare Collection Facilities

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### Legislation

PaintCare is the representative organization of the Vermont Paint Stewardship Program, as set forth by Act 58, Sub-chapter 4, Chapter 159 of Vermont Statute title 10: Conservation and Development. That law provides for the establishment of a permanent statewide paint stewardship program to accomplish the following:

1. Establish an environmentally sound and cost-effective architectural paint stewardship program;
2. Undertake responsibility for the development and implementation of strategies to reduce the generation of post-consumer architectural paint;
3. Promote the reuse of post-consumer architectural paint; and
4. Collect, transport and process post-consumer architectural paint for end-of-product-life management.

This law requires the program to have a system in place for the end-of-product-life management for paint that includes the recycling, energy recovery and disposal using sound management methods.

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### About PaintCare and Post-Consumer Paint Management

The law allows for the formation of a non-profit stewardship organization to implement the program. To serve this purpose, PaintCare Inc. was formed by the American Coatings Association (ACA), the non-profit trade association for the paint and coatings industry. PaintCare submitted a management plan to the Vermont Agency of Natural Services in December of 2013 with a scheduled launch date in May 2014.

Various studies have demonstrated that between 3 and 10% of all paint purchased is “leftover” – goes unused. To capture this paint, PaintCare will pay for storage containers, transportation and recycling/proper disposal for leftover paint delivered to contracted collection locations.

Before the PaintCare Program (“Program”), Vermont residents and businesses recycled or disposed of paint primarily through government-sponsored household hazardous waste (HHW) programs or through a private hazardous waste management company. The PaintCare Program increases recycling opportunities for Vermont consumers by partnering with retail and reuse stores throughout the state to serve as paint Collection Facilities, as well as by partnering with municipal household hazardous waste programs, solid waste transfer stations and other convenient public locations.

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## Section 2 Accepting Program Products

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### What Is Architectural Paint

It is an important responsibility of PaintCare Collection Facilities to only accept Program Products for management under the PaintCare Program. Section 3 includes the primary examples of architectural paint products accepted by the PaintCare Program (“Program Products”) and paint or paint-related products not accepted by the PaintCare Program (“Non-Program Products”).

Generally, architectural paints include latex and oil-based house paint, stains, and clear coatings (varnish, shellac, etc.). The Program excludes anything that is (a) in an aerosol spray can, (b) intended and labeled “for industrial use only,” (c) mostly used in the manufacture of equipment, or (d) on a list of specifically excluded products for some other reason.

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### Who Can Drop Off Program Products

The Program accepts paint from the following:

**Households.** Residents may drop off any Program Product.

**CEG Businesses.** Among other criteria, businesses that qualify as “Conditionally Exempt Generators” under state and federal rules must generate less than 100 kilograms (about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous wastes per month. Small painting contractors or commercial property owners often qualify as CEGs. CEG businesses may drop off any Program Product.

**SQG and LQG Businesses.** Businesses that generate more than 100 kilograms (220 pounds or about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month are classified as either “Small Quantity Generators” or “Large Quantity Generators” under state and federal rules. Larger painting contractors or big manufacturing businesses typically are classified as SQGs or LQGs. These businesses are more heavily regulated and must use a hazardous waste management company to manage their hazardous waste, including oil-based paint. They may, however, drop off latex-based Program Product at PaintCare Collection Facilities.

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## Section 3 What Is Acceptable

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Before accepting products from participants for management under the PaintCare program, Collection Facility staff must (1) check the product label and/or container contents to verify that it contains a Program Product, and (2) check the condition of the container for acceptance in the Program.

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### Acceptable Containers and Unacceptable Containers

#### Acceptable

- The Program Product must be in its original container
- The container is labeled as containing one of the designated Program Products listed below
- The container must be in good condition and not leaking
- The container must be 5 gallons in size or smaller

#### Not Acceptable

- The container is not original (e.g., paint was transferred into a jar)
  - The container does not have an original label
  - The container is leaking or has no lid
  - The container is larger than 5 gallon
  - The container is empty
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### Program Products and Non-Program Products

#### Acceptable Products (Program Products)

- Interior and exterior paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings and 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

#### Unacceptable Products (Non-Program Products)

- Paint thinner, 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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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is there a fee for disposing of paint through this program?

A: There will be no fees for using the program.

Q: Is there a limit to the amount of paint that can be dropped off?

A: Yes. There is a limit of 5 gallons of paint per person per day.