

What are the benefits of **PaintCare**?

- A No costs 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 commercial hazardous 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!

Massachusetts Legislators

Website to learn or confirm the name of your Massachusetts Senator and Representative:

<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

Enter your town's name in the box provided below the map for the up to date names of your legislators. The format of the email address of your Sen & Rep will be:

Senator: Firstname.Lastname@masenate.gov

Rep: Firstname.Lastname@mahouse.gov

Please also copy your email to the Bill sponsors:

Rep Haddad: Patricia.Haddad@mahouse.gov

Sen Moran: Cameron.Lease@masenate.gov

Sen O'Connor: Patrick.OConnor@masenate.gov

Additional Questions?

- Email PaintCare4MA@yahoo.com with questions or to request a sample letter that can make writing the letter much easier! Please include the town where you live so your sample letter will already have your Rep's and Sen's names!
- For more information about **PaintCare**, try the PaintCare.org website!



PaintCare™

RECYCLING MADE EASY

Paint Stewardship Program

WHAT TO DO WITH LEFTOVER PAINT?



RECYCLE - REUSE - REDUCE

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

Together We Can Do This!

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



Sample letter to your State Rep and Senator – chose from options provided and/or add any additional thoughts you may have to make the letter yours! Instructions are in **bold.**

Your name: _____

What town do you live in: _____ (so I can figure out who your rep is)

Enter email address your sample letter should go to: _____

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- As a constiuent of yours (your town) and a registered voter
- I am a resident of (your town) and a registered voter
- I live in (your town) and am a registerd voter

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- Please consider becoming a cosponsor of one or more of these Bills and vote in favor of Paint Stewardship legislation
- Please become a cosponsor and vote for the paint recycling legislation
- Please vote in favor of the Pant Stewardship legislation
- Please vote for the paint recycling Bill

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- I am writing to express my support for a Paint Stewrdship law promoted by the Bills noted above
- I am writing to express my support for the PaintCare Bills noted above
- I am writing to express my support for the paint recycling Bills noted above

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- I would like to encourage you to consider becoming a cosponsir
- I strongly encourage you to consider becoming a cosponsir

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- I am aware that there will be a fee of \$0.75 and \$0.95 per gallon
- I know that there will be a fee of \$0.75 and \$0.95 per gallon
- I have heard that there will be a fee of \$ 0.75 and \$0.95 per gallon

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- I strongly encourage you to vote in favor
- I hope you will vote in favor

Pick one or more of the following options that sounds most like you:

The advantages of this legislation that are particularly important to me include:

- eliminating a small but still hazardous material from our waste stream
- providing an easy means of discarding used paint in an environmentally safe manner
- helping me empty my basement of unwanted paint
- helping the environment
- avoiding people so frustrated by no way of easily discarding paint placing undried latex or oil based paint in their trash
- lowering the amount of trash going to landfills which we no longer have in our town
- Other: _____

Space below is for you to provide a couple short sentences or bullets to share the experiences or beliefs that help explain why recycling paint is important or matters to you.

Pick one of the following options that sounds most like you:

- Thank you for your continued efforts to help the Commonwealth!
- Thank you for your continued work to maintain the Commonwealth as one of the most forward thinking states in the United States!
- Thank you for your continued effort to maintain the Commonwealth as one of the nicest states in the United States!
- Thank you for your continued work to maintain the Commonwealth as one of the best states in the United States!
- Thank you for your continued efforts to maintain the Commonwealth as one of the most environmentally consciencous states in the United States!

Now, just email this form with your answers back to us and your work is complete! Your personalized final letter will be back to you within 3 days for you to email to your represenatives!

Thanks for your help to bring paint recycling to Massachusetts!