



PaintCare – Paint Smarter

Plymouth Environmental Academy

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Paint Recycling Made Easy

PaintCare makes it easy for households and businesses to recycle postconsumer (leftover) paint in states with paint stewardship laws.



Why PaintCare?

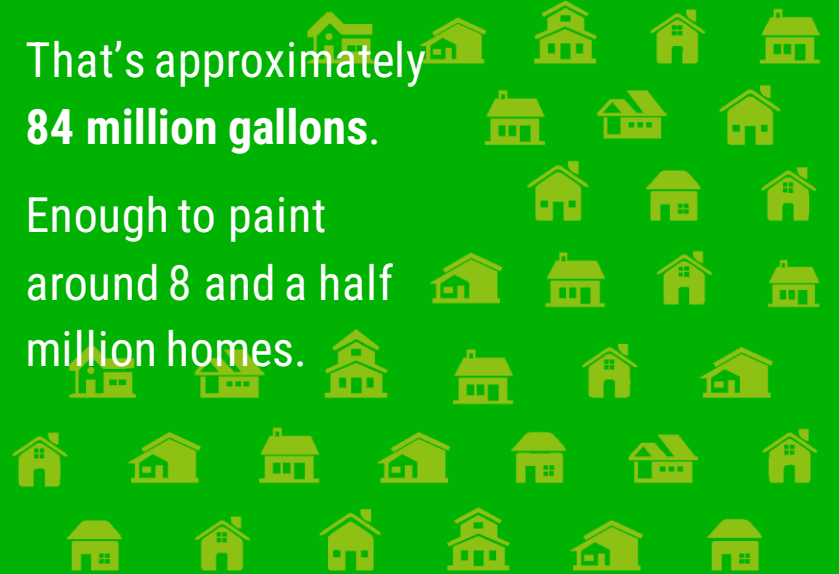
Estimated 10%
of architectural
paint goes
unused each
year.

10%



That's approximately
84 million gallons.

Enough to paint
around 8 and a half
million homes.



Statistics shown here were calculated as of Jan. 2023



PaintCare in Minnesota

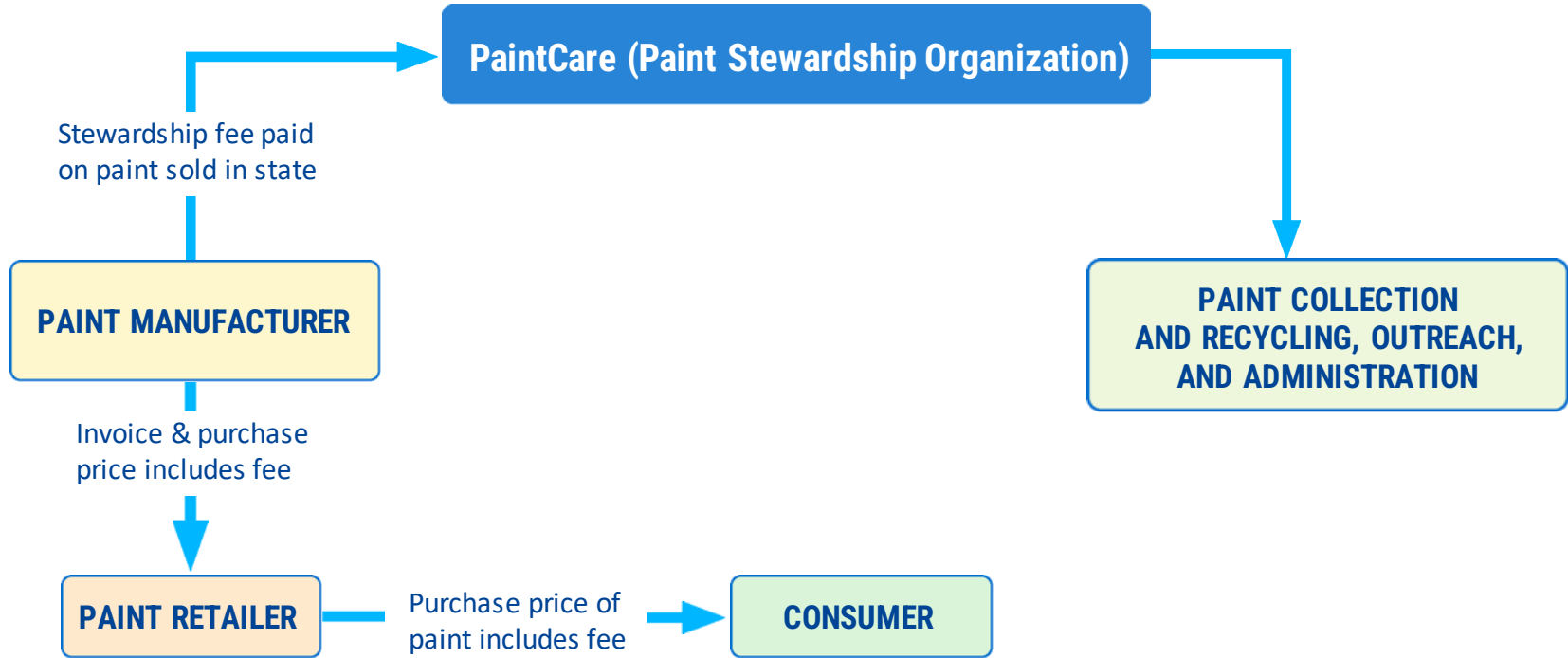
- Established in November 2014
- 267 year-round drop-off sites
 - Many are retail paint or local hardware stores
 - County HHW & VSQG programs are the largest collectors
- 8.3 million gallons collected



Statistics were calculated as of Jul. 2023



How PaintCare Works



Who Does PaintCare Serve?



Households/Residents

Latex PaintCare Products

- Any volume

Oil-Based PaintCare Products

- Any volume



Businesses/Organizations

Latex PaintCare Products

- Any volume

Oil-Based PaintCare Products

- About 25 gallons per month
- Must sign Paint Drop-Off Log or Receipt Book (and meet qualifications) each time they drop-off paint



Leftover paint is everywhere...



So how do we minimize waste in the first place?



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Paint Smarter



Paint Smarter Key Points



Buy Right

Learn the questions you should consider to help you buy right.



Store Right

Tips to keep your paint in good condition so someone else can use it or recycle it.



Use it Up

Using up what you have is a great way to reduce leftover paint.



Give it Away

If you can't use up your leftover paint others may be able to benefit from this useful resource.



Recycle the Rest!

We've set up convenient locations where you can take unwanted paint products for reuse or recycling.

Buy Right



- Determine Square Footage
 - 1 gallon ~ 300 to 400 sq ft
- Color change or bare walls
 - Primer
 - Paint + Primer
- Textured walls = more paint
- Sheen affects performance
 - Flat less reflective, less paint
 - Shiny more reflective, easier to clean, more paint

Store Right

- Use a paint key to open
- Keep rim clean when in use
- Cover with plastic wrap
- Use a rubber mallet to close lid tight
- Label the room location
- Store in a cool dry place



Use it Up – (i.e. repurpose)



A gallon or more can be used as a primer for other paint projects.



Less than a gallon can be used to paint a small room or an accent wall. Experiment with multiple leftover colors and get creative with a staircase.



Cheer up a birdhouse, coordinate doorknobs, or stencil a tote bag with a **sample size of paint**.

Use a **pint** to personalize a tray, color a glass vase, or stain a picture frame.



Give it Away



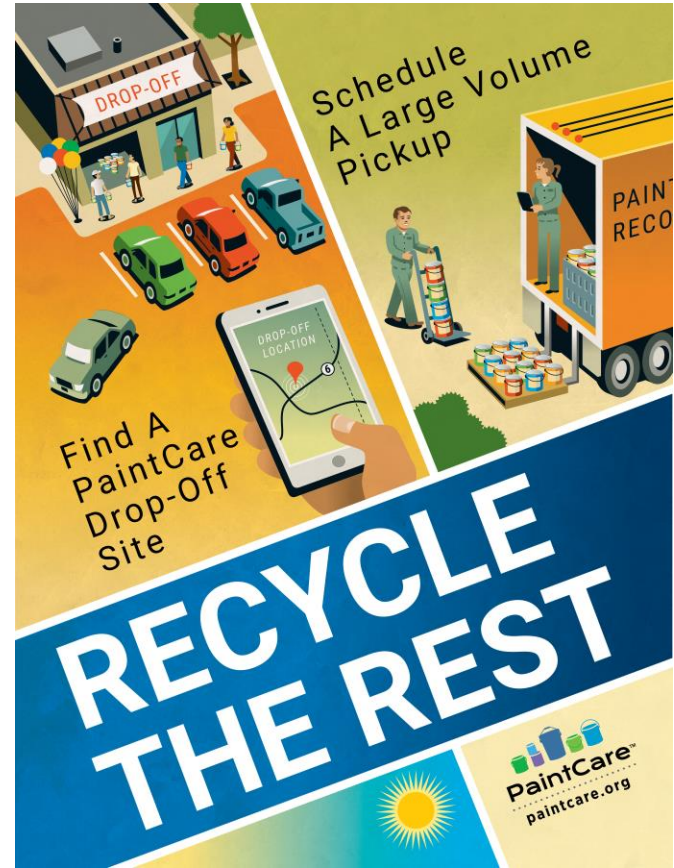
- Who do you know that needs house paint?
- Schools, places of worship, community murals, daycares (not for kids, obviously!), local theaters
- Post it on Minnesota Craigslist



Recycle the Rest!

- Take leftover paint to a PaintCare Drop-off site
 - Schedule a large-volume pickup for 100 gallons +
- We accept house paints, stains, primers and clearcoats
- Visit paintcare.org

Never dump or trash liquid paint!





PaintCare Products





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