

PAINT RECYCLING

PaintCare, Inc. is a non-profit organization that represents the paint manufacturing industry. The PaintCare program has established paint collection centers at several County solid waste disposal sites for the collection of unused architectural paint products from residential & commercial sources. PaintCare products have fees when purchased and are accepted at PaintCare collection centers free of charge. Paint products that do not have fees when purchased are not accepted.

<https://www.paintcare.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/xx-program-products-list.pdf>

<u>Accepted - PaintCare Products</u>	<u>Not Accepted – Non-PaintCare Products</u>
Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based enamel (including textured coatings)	Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
Deck coating, floor paints (including elastomeric)	Aerosol paints (spray cans)
Primers, sealers, undercoaters	Auto and marine paints
Stains	Art and craft paints
Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)	Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)	Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
Metal coating, rust preventatives	Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
Field and lawn paints	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

Handling & acceptance criteria for PaintCare products at solid waste disposal sites (materials that do not meet these criteria will be rejected):

- Kern County residents and small businesses only*
- Limit 15 gallons per visit
- No containers larger than 5 gallons
- Items must be in original containers with original label
- Items must have secured lid - No leaking containers
- No other Household Hazardous Waste items accepted (with exception of used oil and used oil filters at sites where those materials are accepted – check <https://kernpublicworks.com/waste-recycling-2/recycling/disposal-site-recycling/>)

* A qualifying small business is one that generates no more than 220 lbs of all hazardous waste per month

- Qualifying small businesses must sign certificate of eligibility when bringing oil-based paint products.

- Up to 220 lbs (~25 gallons) of oil-based paint products can be accepted from a qualifying business per month

The **KERN COUNTY SPECIAL WASTE FACILITY** also accepts unused paint for recycling, as well as other household hazardous waste items. Click on Hazardous Waste for acceptance & handling criteria for these facilities. <https://kernpublicworks.com/hazardous-waste/>

Locate other PaintCare recycling centers near you.

<https://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/#/find-a-drop-off-site>