

Republic Services Recycling Buy Back Center is now a drop-off site for Carlsbad residents!
5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008.
Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What Products Can I Recycle Through PaintCare?



Products covered by the PaintCare program and accepted for drop-off are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or smaller. They do not include aerosol coatings, industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings.

PaintCare Products

These products have a fee when purchased and are accepted for free at 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

Non-PaintCare Products

These products do not have a fee when purchased and are not accepted at drop-off sites:

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol coatings
- 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

Containers that are leaking, empty, or without the original printed manufacturer's label are not accepted at drop-off sites.

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