

Architectural Paint Stewardship Annual Meeting

June 11, 2026, Zoom Virtual Meeting

This is the annual meeting for Oregon's paint stewardship program. DEQ will share wasteshed collection data and the stewardship organization, PaintCare, will present their annual report, for the 2025 calendar year

Meeting minutes

1:00 p.m. Welcome

Rachel Harding from DEQ opened the meeting.

1:05 p.m. PaintCare Presentation

PaintCare provided an overview and update about the Oregon program:

- The need originated with the findings that 10% of all purchased paint is unused or leftover, or 85 million gallons.
- The Oregon program started in 2010 and serves residential/households and commercial/businesses.
 - The program will accept oil-based paint from commercial/business entities if they meet specific criteria.
 - Collected latex paint is recycled, reused or disposed of. Oil-based paint is blended into fuel for cement kilns, burned for energy, reused or sent for disposal.
- The program charges a fee to customers at the point of sale, and can be dropped off for free at participating locations.
- The program goals continue to work towards improving education and awareness about how to properly estimate the amount of paint needed for a project, how to store it for future use, about using and/or sharing the leftovers.
- Convenience Summary Update:
 - 192 year-round drop-off sites, and an additional 62 supplemental collection sites.
 - The distribution of the drop-off sites provides 97.1% of residents access to a site within 15 miles.
 - In areas where this service level is not being provided, the program provides 1-2 collection events per year.
 - Continuing to try and recruit new sites in underserved areas including southern and eastern Oregon.
- Processing Methods:
 - Latex Paint: 3% reuse, 70% paint-to-paint recycling, 11% biodegradation and 6% disposal.
 - Oil-Based Paint: 4% reuse, 94% energy recovery, 2% incineration
- Expenses and Revenue Update:
 - Declining revenue with increasing costs.
 - Oregon's administrative fees were 3.9% of expenses
 - Total expenses across all categories was \$6,053,787
- Outreach and Education Goals:
 - Increasing awareness about the 10 best practices for buying, using and storing paint, drop-off sites and the program.
- For the upcoming year:
 - Communications and outreach will continue
 - Finalize the new program plan. DEQ provided comments in April and is reviewing, including requests to review the fee schedule which will increase fees and align with Washington's rates.

1:30 p.m. DEQ's Presentation

- Program History:
 - 2009: legislature passed the paint stewardship law
 - 2010: pilot program began
 - 2013: the program became permanent
- Since 2010 over 10 million gallons of paint have been collected.
- Collection Volumes Summary
 - A slight increase in paint collected in 2025: 651,088 gallons compared to 649,38 gallons in 2024.
 - Approximately half of the collected paint (49%) came from the Metro wasteshed, from other wastesheds:
 - Deschutes - 11%
 - Lane - 9%
 - Marion - 7%
 - Gilliam - 0.01%
 - Milton-Freewater - 0.01%
- Findings from Annual Report review:
 - Collection network is stable
 - Program finances have decreased due to increased costs
 - Reuse continues to be a small proportion of processing
 - Progress towards meeting program goals continues
- Currently:
 - DEQ is reviewing a program plan amendment for a proposed fee increase
 - Annual report is currently under review
 - Conditional approval of program goals, which were approved through April 2026 while DEQ reviews progress made.

1:51: Public Comment Period

1. What was the impact of the Metro Paint closure?
A: As a pioneer of paint recycling, Metro Paint's closure was a loss, however both Metro Transfer stations and others are still collecting paint, and PaintCare has other processors.

1:57 p.m. Meeting adjourned

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