



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Oregon Paint Stewardship Program

Estimate of 2024 Paint Collection Volumes by Wasteshed

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In 2009, Oregon became the first state to enact a law requiring paint manufacturers to operate a paint product stewardship program. The Oregon Paint Stewardship Program aims to reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling, and safely dispose of architectural paint remaining after purchase and use. The program is paid for by Oregonians who buy paint. The current stewardship organization, PaintCare, manages the program for paint manufacturers, and DEQ oversees it.

The paint stewardship pilot program began in 2010, and in 2013 Oregon's Legislature made the program permanent. The 2013 law also bolstered facets of the program including collection convenience, the stewardship organization's accountability for meeting program goals and DEQ's ability to oversee program operations and compliance.

The 2013 law, ORS 459A.820-.855, requires DEQ to estimate annually the quantities of paint collected under this program. Specifically, ORS 459A.845 requires DEQ to publish an annual report with an estimate of the following for the previous calendar year:

- (1) The total volume, in gallons, of post-consumer architectural paint collected in each wasteshed¹ or metropolitan service district as part of an architectural paint stewardship program
- (2) For each wasteshed or metropolitan service district, the percentage of total volume of paint collected under the program at each of the following:
 - (a) Permanent collection sites located at a retailer;
 - (b) Permanent collection sites and collection events for the program located within the local solid waste collection infrastructure, including collection events funded by DEQ; and
 - (c) Collection events promoted and paid for by a stewardship organization

The report also includes data for PaintCare's large volume collections from commercial and institutional sources.

The estimates in this report represent most, but not all, of the post-consumer architectural paint collected in Oregon in 2024. The report includes estimates of the volume of paint collected as part of the state's architectural paint stewardship program. It does not include paint volumes collected outside of the architectural paint stewardship program, such as paint collected by local governments or hazardous waste contractors that are not managed by the paint stewardship program.

¹A wasteshed is defined in Oregon law as being an area of the state that shares a common solid waste disposal system. For most of Oregon, a wasteshed is an individual county except the Milton-Freewater and Metro wastesheds.

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Table 1: Total Gallons, Gallons per Capita, and Percent Estimates of 2024 Paint Collection Volumes

Wasteshed	Total (gallons)	% of Total Collected	Gallons per Capita ²	% Retail	% Solid Waste Infrastructure	% PaintCare Collection Events	% Large Volume Pick-up
Baker	1,972	0.30%	0.12	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Benton	10,567	1.63%	0.11	69%	30%	0.00%	1%
Clatsop	5,815	0.90%	0.14	77%	23%	0.00%	1%
Columbia	6,181	0.95%	0.12	16%	84%	0.00%	0%
Coos	3,074	0.47%	0.05	51%	49%	0.00%	0%
Crook	4,675	0.72%	0.18	12%	88%	0.00%	0%
Curry	2,849	0.44%	0.12	88%	12%	0.00%	0%
Deschutes	65,483	10.08%	0.31	51%	46%	0.00%	3%
Douglas	8,042	1.24%	0.07	95%	5%	0.00%	0%
Gilliam	0	0.00%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00%	0%
Grant	652	0.10%	0.09	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Harney	668	0.10%	0.09	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Hood River	3,909	0.60%	0.16	38%	52%	0.00%	11%
Jackson	22,061	3.40%	0.10	94%	0%	3.85%	2%
Jefferson	651	0.10%	0.03	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Josephine	10,487	1.62%	0.12	89%	0%	3.30%	8%
Klamath	4,660	0.72%	0.07	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Lake	493	0.08%	0.06	0%	100%	0.00%	0%
Lane	62,753	9.66%	0.16	53%	43%	0.00%	3%
Lincoln	9,657	1.49%	0.19	12%	88%	0.00%	0%
Linn	15,106	2.33%	0.12	59%	14%	0.00%	27%
Malheur	1,482	0.23%	0.05	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Marion	54,408	8.38%	0.16	50%	45%	0.00%	5%
Metro	321,862	49.57%	0.17	41%	51%	0.03%	8%
Milton-Freewater	0	0.00%	0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%
Morrow	316	0.05%	0.02	0%	100%	0.00%	0%
Polk	1405	0.22%	0.02	79%	0%	0.00%	21%
Sherman	150	0.02%	0.08	0%	100%	0.00%	0%
Tillamook	5,377	0.83%	0.19	5%	92%	0.00%	3%
Umatilla	3,663	0.56%	0.05	85%	0%	0.00%	15%
Union	2,501	0.39%	0.10	96%	4%	0.00%	0%
Wallowa	725	0.11%	0.10	100%	0%	0.00%	0%
Wasco	4,149	0.64%	0.16	53%	47%	0.00%	0%
Wheeler	288	0.04%	0.19	0%	100%	0.00%	0%
Yamhill	13,267	2.04%	0.12	71%	28%	0.00%	2%
Total	649,348	100%	0.11	50%	44%	0.2%	6%

² 2024 Oregon Certified Population Estimates reported by Portland State University Population Research Center

2024 paint collection volumes by wasteshed

Table 1 above, shows the estimates for the total volume, in gallons, of post-consumer architectural paint collected in each wasteshed and its percent as part of Oregon's paint stewardship program in 2024. Table 1 also shows each wasteshed's percentage of paint collected under four separate types of collection: (1) permanent collection sites located at a retailer, (2) permanent and seasonal collection sites and events located within the solid waste collection infrastructure, including household hazardous waste collection events, (3) collection events promoted and paid for by PaintCare and (4) the collection of paint under PaintCare's large volume direct pickup services.

General findings related to 2024 collection:

- 1) Similar to previous reporting years, the total estimated volume of post-consumer architectural paint collected in 2023 was 649,348 gallons. Again, roughly half of the amount collected (49.57%) came from the Metro region, which makes up about 43% of the state's population. This wasteshed includes Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties.
- 2) Statewide, average gallons collected per capita remained steady at .11 gallons per person in 2024, as compared to 0.10 in 2023.
- 3) Retail and solid waste infrastructure still account for the majority of paint collections and, as a percentage, remain consistent compared to previous years. Large volume pick-ups and PaintCare events continue to be a smaller but important portion of overall paint collection.
- 4) Gilliam and Milton-Freewater wastesheds did not have any collections in 2024.

To provide service to areas of the state that are over 15 miles from the nearest collection site, PaintCare contacts local representatives annually in every county to hold at least one collection event. From those outreach conversations, just two jurisdictions around the state had PaintCare events in 2024. Additionally, fifty-two locations around the state had household hazardous waste events conducted by local representatives, which included the collection of architectural paint. Year-round and supplemental sites for the state are shown in the figures on pages 12-14 of the [Oregon Paint Stewardship Program 2024 Annual Report](#). Based on PaintCare's analysis for 2024, 98.3% of the population in Oregon resides within 15 miles of a permanent collection site.

Estimating paint collection volumes and percentages

In composing this report, DEQ used the estimates provided by PaintCare in the [Oregon Paint Stewardship Program 2024 Annual Report](#) (submitted April 1, 2025), as required under ORS 459A.842. PaintCare's annual report describes the methods used for estimating paint volume collection.

The 2024 annual report also includes a more detailed accounting of collection quantities by retail and reuse drop-off sites, household hazardous waste facilities (HHW), transfer stations, collection events and other activities for each wasteshed. To obtain the estimates in this report, the percent collected by retail in a wasteshed was determined by dividing the total gallons collected at retail and reuse stores in a wasteshed by the total gallons collected in the respective wasteshed. Similarly, the percent collected by solid waste infrastructure combined the total gallons for HHW events, HHW facilities, and transfer stations in a wasteshed divided by the total gallons collected in the respective wasteshed. The percentages for PaintCare events and large volume pick-ups in a wasteshed were determined by dividing each category respectively by the total gallons collected in the respective wasteshed.

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