

Program Goals:



The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce the likelihood of illegal disposal of used latex paint in violation of the California Health and Safety Code and to provide the public with a convenient place to take-back Latex Paint. In addition, this program ensures the safe and environmentally sound recycling of used Latex Paint.

Thank you for participating in the Latex Paint take-back program!



Communication & Feedback

The Retail Take-Back Program for Latex Paint is a partnership between your business, local government, and the citizens that make up our community.

The IWMA is committed to helping you and your staff smoothly transition into this valuable community program. As we mentioned before, all set-up equipment will be provided at no cost to your store. In addition, we would be happy to handle the program education and outreach to your staff and the community at large. We value and encourage your involvement at every level of this program and in order for this partnership to be effective, we need on-going feedback.



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Latex Paint



*Retailers Guide
to Collection
and Recycling
of Latex Paint!*

New County Ordinance

California regulations make it **ILLEGAL** to dispose of Latex Paint in the trash and/or recycling bins.



Because of the state regulations, a county-wide ordinance has been adopted that **REQUIRES** any retailer that sells Latex Paint to provide an in-house take-back program for collection of Latex Paint from the public.

Please note! This program is for Latex Paint **ONLY!** Retailers should not accept oil based paints lacquers, thinners, or other solvents. These products must be disposed of at household hazardous waste facilities. For a list of household hazardous waste facilities go to www.iwma.com.

Collection Program Set-Up

The IWMA will supply each retail location with all the necessary collection equipment at **NO COST** to the retailer.

Retailer Requirements

The take-back program must be available at no cost to the public and the retailer must accept Latex Paint from a resident/business of San Luis Obispo County as described below:

1. If the retailer sold the paint to the customer, then the retailer must accept the latex paint back. If the retailer sells the brand of paint that the consumer brings to the retailer that shall be considered proof of purchase.



2. If the consumer is purchasing latex paint from the retailer, then the retailer must accept waste latex paint in an amount not to exceed the amount being purchased.

3. If the customer is not purchasing latex paint from the retailer or the retailer has **NOT** previously sold paint to that customer, then the retailer is required to accept latex paint in an amount not to exceed 2 gallons of actual latex paint per week per consumer.

IWMA Collection Program

Thanks to grant funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Authority, this program will be provided at **NO COST** to retailers for the duration of the grant. As part of the take-back program, the IWMA will provide collection bins, paint stir sticks with program instructions, appropriate window signage, and collection/disposal service.



Each time Latex Paint is collected for recycling from your location, the IWMA's service provider will give your staff a receipt documenting the amount of latex paint collected. Please keep these receipts as County Environmental Health may request to see this information.

Other Collection Programs

The IWMA offers this Collection Program as a service to local retailers. However, you may select another service provider to collect and recycle the latex paint at your own expense.