



Architectural Paint

Management for Very Small Quantity Generator Businesses

Beginning on a delayed start date of November 1, 2014, collection sites just for waste architectural paint from households and Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) will start to open across Minnesota. More sites will be added over time. Sites will accept both latex and oil-based architectural paint for recycling or disposal. The cost of management will be paid for by the stewardship assessment added to the purchase price of paint, however some collection sites may also charge you an administrative fee.

What waste paints are accepted at a paint collection site?

Interior and exterior architectural coating products sold in containers of five gallons or less are accepted.

Table 1: Examples of wastes eligible and ineligible for the architectural paint program

Acceptable architectural product wastes	Unacceptable paint-related wastes
Architectural paint, including interior & exterior latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, and enamel	Additive, colorant, tint, and resin
Deck and floor coating, including elastomeric	Aerosol paint (spray cans)
Field and lawn paint	Art and craft paint
Metal coating, including rust preventative	Automotive and marine paint
Primer, sealer, and undercoat	Caulk, epoxy, glue, and adhesive
Shellac, lacquer, varnish, and urethane	Deck cleaners
Stain	Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
Water-proofer, sealer, and water repellent for concrete/masonry/wood that is not tar or bitumen-based	Roof patch and repair
	Tar and bitumen-based product
	Thinner, stripper, and solvent
	Traffic and road marking paint
	Wood preservative containing pesticide

May my business dispose of its waste paint at a collection site?

Any business may dispose of its eligible latex paint or water-based paint at a collection site. For your business to be eligible to dispose of oil-based or other hazardous waste paint, you must:

- Be a VSQG.** A VSQG generates 220 pounds or less (about 22 gallons of oil-based paint or other hazardous wastes) per month in total hazardous waste. You may, however, accumulate up to 2200 pounds (about 220 gallons) of hazardous waste and dispose of it at one time and still be a VSQG. For more information about generator size, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-01, [Determine Generator Size](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw1-01.pdf) at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw1-01.pdf>.
- Obtain a Hazardous Waste Identification Number (HWID)** before you take your architectural product waste to a paint collection site, if your site does not already have one. To request an HWID at no cost, complete MPCA form #w-hw7-09, [Notification of Regulated Waste Activity](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw7-09.doc) at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw7-09.doc>.
- Keep disposal records** of the waste you take to a collection site. If the site does not give you a receipt, you must keep your own records showing the date and volume of oil-based paint.

Where are architectural paint collection sites?

Eventually, the goal is to provide a paint collection site within 15 miles of a majority of the state's population; however, building this network will take time. To locate paint collection sites available in your area after the program starts, use the Paint Drop-Off Locations tool at <http://www.paintcare.org/locator/>.

How may acceptable wastes be transported to a paint collection site?

Acceptable wastes must be in the original container in which they were sold. The container must be fully closed and not leaking. You may transport these wastes in your own vehicle to a paint collection site; however, you may be subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). For more information regarding transporting your hazardous waste to a collection site, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw2-53, [Requirements for Transporting Waste to a Very Small Quantity Generator Collection Program](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-53.pdf) at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-53.pdf>.

What about wastes not accepted by paint collection sites?

As a VSQG, you may dispose of other hazardous wastes through a VSQG Collection Program. For a list of programs in your area, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw2-51, [VSQG Collection Program Requirements](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-51.pdf) at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw2-51.pdf>. These programs will require preapproval of your waste and charge for disposal of other hazardous wastes; however, the cost is usually lower than using a commercial transporter.

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 115A, and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7045, and incorporate regulatory interpretation decisions made by the MPCA on February 28, 2014, April 15, 2014, and June 18, 2014. To review Minnesota Statutes and Rules, visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs>. The MPCA and your Metro County have staff available to answer waste management and requirement questions.

The MPCA's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) can provide you with free, confidential regulatory compliance assistance. The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) can help you reduce your waste generation and risk. All hazardous waste incidents, such as spills, must be reported immediately to the Minnesota Duty Officer.

Metro County Hazardous Waste Offices

Anoka	763-422-7093
Carver	952-361-1800
Dakota	952-891-7557
Hennepin	612-348-3777
Ramsey	651-266-1199
Scott	952-496-8475
Washington	651-430-6655
Websites	http://www.co.[county].mn.us

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Toll free	1-800-247-0015
Metro	612-624-1300
Website	http://www.mntap.umn.edu

Small Business Environmental Assistance

Toll free	1-800-657-3938
Metro	651-282-6143
Website	http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sbeap/

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Toll free (all offices)	1-800-657-3864
Brainerd	218-828-2492
Detroit Lakes	218-847-1519
Duluth	218-723-4660
Mankato	507-389-5977
Marshall	507-537-7146
Rochester	507-285-7343
St. Paul	651-296-6300
Willmar	320-214-3786
Website	http://www.pca.state.mn.us

Minnesota Duty Officer

Toll free	1-800-422-0798
Metro	651-649-5451
Website	https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/Pages/default.aspx