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Town of Darien Paint Recycling Program

Darien Transfer Station and Recycling Center
Addition to General Permit, Summer 2015

The town will accept unwanted and unused paints at the Darien Transfer Station in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Acceptable Paints are:
 - a. Architectural paints including - interior, exterior, latex, acrylic, water based, alkyd, oil based, enamel (including textured coatings);
 - b. Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric);
 - c. Primers, sealers, undercoaters;
 - d. Stains;
 - e. Shellacs, laquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component);
 - f. Waterproofing, sealers or repellents for concrete, masonry, and wood (not tar or bitumen-based);
 - g. Metal coatings, rust preventatives; and,
 - h. Field and lawn paints.

2. Unacceptable Paints or Products are:
 - a. Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents;
 - b. Aerosol paints (spray cans);
 - c. Auto and marine paints;
 - d. Art and craft paints;
 - e. Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives;
 - f. Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins;
 - g. Wood preservatives (containing pesticides);
 - h. Roof patch and repair products or material;
 - i. Tar and bitumen-based products;
 - j. 2 component coatings;
 - k. Deck cleaners;
 - l. Traffic and road marking paints;
 - m. Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings;
 - n. Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM, shop application) paints and finishes; and,
 - o. Gasoline, diesel fuel, waste oil, fuel oil, kerosene, benzene, fire retardants, antifreeze, brake fluid, power steering fluid, dry gas, engine cleaners, carburetor cleaners, rags, brushes, tarps, drop clothes, clothing, wash water, paint sprayers, hoses, gauges, tape, spackle, plaster, joint compound, bug spray, insecticides, dry paint, painted products.

3. Acceptable Paints may be deposited or discarded by:
 - a. Residential sources with valid access privileges to Darien Transfer Station only.
4. Paints may *not* be deposited or discarded by:
 - a. Commercial haulers;
 - b. Painting or other contractors;
 - c. Hardware, paint, home improvement, or lumber stores;
 - d. Other municipalities;
 - e. Anyone who does not have proper credentials to enter the transfer station site; and,
 - f. Any Town of Darien affiliate outside of normal business hours of transfer station.
5. Acceptable Paint container must be:
 - a. In non-leaking and fully sealed with tight lid or cap;
 - b. Original container;
 - c. Fully labeled as to contents; and,
 - d. Maximum 5 gallon capacity per container.
6. Unacceptable Paint containers are:
 - a. Deteriorated cans with visible signs of leakage;
 - b. Containers other than original packaging;
 - c. Containers with labels removed;
 - d. Containers larger than 5 gallon capacity;
 - e. Empty cans, and,
 - f. Bags or tarps.
7. Operation of Paint Recycling Program:
 - a. The Town of Darien is responsible for the Paint Recycling Program.
 - b. The Paint Recycling Program is a part of the Town of Darien General Permit registered through the CT DEEP. All conditions of the general permit apply unless made more restrictive herein.
 - c. Anyone bringing paint onto the Town of Darien Transfer Station property takes full responsibility for cleanup of any spills created while paint is in their possession.
 - d. Illegal deposition of material or disguise of materials may result in forfeiture of future transfer station access and responsibility for all disposal costs, special handling costs, or fines.
 - e. No scavenging of paint is allowed. Paint Recycling Program shall not be misconstrued as paint exchange program.
 - f. Town of Darien vendor, City Carting, is responsible for oversight of paint disposal area. Disposal of paint products is only allowed under direct supervision of City Carting attendant.
 - g. Paint must be placed inside of secondary containment storage area neatly as directed. Assistance with moving paint or unloading vehicles, will not be provided.
 - h. Paints of same type and brand may be consolidated prior to bringing to Transfer Station to save space and containers deposited. Paint types must not be mixed (ie: latex and oil paint should remain separate regardless of amounts in each can).
 - i. Alternatives to paint recycling that remain acceptable are: using the paint by painting

something; allowing small amounts of paint to dry in an open can and dispose of in solid waste stream; using "kitty litter" or absorbent clay product to harden and dry paint to be disposed of in solid waste stream; utilizing an approved paint hardener to render paint acceptable to the solid waste stream; and, overage avoidance by carefully estimating needs prior to beginning painting project.

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What Products Are Covered?

Architectural paints (“Program Products”) are defined as interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or less. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), original equipment manufacturer (OEM), or specialty coatings.

Program Products

- 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-Program Products

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- 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
- 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



Note: Leaking, unlabeled and empty containers are not accepted at drop-off sites.