

EVERY YEAR CALIFORNIANS BUY ENOUGH PAINT TO COVER 35 MILLION ROOMS WITH TWO COATS. THAT'S 70 MILLION GALLONS OF PAINT.

BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF THIS OFTEN-HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ONCE PROJECTS ARE COMPLETE?

IN CALIFORNIA, IT'S FREE AND EASY TO TURN IN LEFTOVER PAINT IN A SAFE, ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WAY.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO A 2010 STATE LAW THAT MADE THE PAINT INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING EXCESS PAINT.

NOW, 99 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIAS HAVE A FREE DROPOFF SITE NEAR THEM.

15:51 **Stephanie Fernandes** within 15 miles of my house there are 18 pc drop-off locations 15:55

IT WASN'T ALWAYS THIS EASY.

7:44-7:47 **Stephanie Fernandes** paint is illegal to dispose in your household trash or down your drain.

1:58-2:05 **Laura Morgan** because it's made of hazardous and dangerous chemicals that can pollute our local waterways and really hurt the wildlife that live in them

PAINT CHEMICALS INCLUDE FORMALDEHYDE, TURPENTINE, AND OTHER CARCINOGENS AND NEUROTOXINS THAT, IF IMPROPERLY MANAGED, CAN THREATEN OUR WATER, FOOD AND OUR HEALTH.

634-6:40 **Laura Morgan** older paint can even contain metals like lead which are especially harmful for human health

NOT TOO LONG AGO, CALIFORNIANS HAD FEW OPTIONS TO MANAGE EXCESS PAINT, FORCING MANY TO STOCKPILE PAINT AT HOME, OR RELY ON LOCAL, TAXPAYER FUNDED COLLECTION PROGRAMS.

8:31 **Stephanie Fernandes** paint was the largest material by volume that local government household hazardous waste facilities used to receive. It would cost them millions of dollars each year. 8:43

BUT EVEN THEN...

9:03 **Stephanie Fernandes** local governments could only collect a certain volume. Much less than was actually out there 9:10

SO, CALIFORNIA FOUND A BETTER WAY.

TO EASE THE BURDEN ON CONSUMERS AND LOCAL BUDGETS - AND ENSURE LEFTOVER PAINT IS PROPERLY MANAGED - THEN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY MEMBER JARED HUFFMAN AUTHORED AB 13-43. THE LAW MADE CALIFORNIA THE SECOND STATE IN THE NATION TO ENACT AN INDUSTRY-RUN, STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO HANDLE USED PAINT.

MANUFACTURERS THAT SELL PAINT IN CALIFORNIA CHOSE THE NONPROFIT PAINT-CARE TO DESIGN AND OPERATE A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH CALRECYCLE OVERSEES.

PAINTCARE HELPS CONSUMERS BUY ONLY AS MUCH PAINT AS THEY NEED AND RECYCLE THE LEFTOVERS .

6:30-6:34 **Stephanie Fernandes** consumers can find locations of paint drop-off sites by going to [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org)

11:57 **Stephanie Fernandes** “painting contractors and other businesses that have 100 gallons or more, can have paint care pick up their paint for free 12:05

FUNDED BY A SMALL CONSUMER FEE ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW PAINT, THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS PARTNERS PROMOTE REUSE.

12:45-12:48 **Laura Morgan** When you’re done with your paint, someone else can use it.

923-9:30 **Laura Morgan** Paintcare partners with paint reuse sites that offer free paint to Californians. And they’re constantly looking for more.

COLLECTING, REUSING, AND RECYCLING MORE PAINT TO KEEP HARMFUL MATERIAL FROM CONTAMINATING OUR COMMUNITIES.

CALIFORNIA INNOVATION SHOWS THE WORLD HOW TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.