

Support Paint Recycling Bill SB 147

Save Money and Create Jobs in ILLINOIS

The Paint Stewardship Solution

Illinois has a unique opportunity to enact paint recycling legislation in partnership with the paint industry. This opportunity to work together to save money for Illinois' state and local governments is the result of a national, multi-stakeholder agreement facilitated by the Product Stewardship Institute.

Benefits of Paint Stewardship

- Increase government financial savings
- More recycling opportunities: paint recyclers can voluntarily collect paint at paint retail stores, increasing customer traffic.
- Green sector jobs: More in-state jobs will be created in the paint recycling industry.
- Less disposal: More paint will be diverted from disposal facilities and recycled.
- Less waste: The industry will educate the public to buy the right amount of paint for a job and reduce waste.



Illinois is home to GDB International, North America's largest paint recycler, based in Nashville, IL.



Illinois is also home to EPaint Recycling Solutions, Inc, which has a paint consolidation facility in Arlington Heights, IL.

Did You Know?

There are 11 U.S. states with paint EPR laws, providing 25% of Americans convenient access to paint recycling. If Illinois passes a similar law, the State would gain a total benefit of over **\$17 million annually**.



Illinois Can Save Money on Leftover Paint Management

PSI estimates that roughly **2.2 million gallons** of paint go unused each year in the State. A statewide paint stewardship program would mean that the paint industry would be responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint in Illinois, reducing the role of government and the burden on taxpayers. EPR would also increase the recycling rate of paint. Currently, many IL residents lack access to paint collection and may put liquid paint in the garbage or down the drain.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR):

EPR is a mandatory type of product stewardship that includes, at a minimum, the requirement that the producer's responsibility for their product extends to post-consumer management of that product.



Roles and Responsibilities

Manufacturers

- Create a “stewardship organization” to set up and run a convenient, statewide system for the collection of post-consumer paint. They will submit a plan to the state and then provide annual reports on the program’s performance, including financial audits.
- Fund the program through sales of new paint, via an eco-fee that is passed to retailers.
- Partner with paint collection programs and retailers to establish convenient paint recycling infrastructure throughout the state.

Retailers

- Only sell paint produced by manufacturers that are participating in a state-approved product stewardship program.
- Provide consumers with information about paint recycling and the paint stewardship program. These resources will be developed by the stewardship organization and distributed to retailers.
- Act as a paint drop-off site for their customers (voluntary option).

State and Local Government

- The state will review and, as appropriate, approve the stewardship organization’s plan and reports, and will provide an up-to-date webpage with a list of compliant manufacturers and the brands of paint they sell.
- The stewardship organization will contract with local government HHW programs to cover the costs of paint transportation and processing.
- Paint stewardship legislation would decrease municipal costs spent to manage leftover paint.

Residents

- Purchase and use their paint in the same way they always have, but will be provided information that recommends ways to reduce the amount of paint that becomes waste and what to do with any leftover paint.
- Bring their leftover paint to convenient drop-off locations, such as retailers, HHW locations, and government collection programs.

Painting Contractors

- Greater opportunities to manage leftover paint at less cost. Have access to convenient, free paint drop-off sites and large-volume pickup program.
- Opportunities to offer ‘Green options’ to their customers by recycling paint at no extra cost.

EPR is NOT a Tax

The program is consumer-funded and industry-managed. Specifically, the U.S. paint stewardship program is financed via a paint management fee, which covers the cost of recycling.

Each paint manufacturer pays a paint management fee based on each unit of paint sold (typically 75 cents per gallon). Manufacturers then pass the fee on to paint retailers and distributors, which may then pass it along to consumers. Consumers of paint (not all tax payers) pay this fee.



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