

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

SERVING BUSINESSES

THE SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR PROGRAM

Businesses are not eligible to use the household hazardous waste collection sites, or battery, oil and paint recycling sites. Businesses may use the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Programs that are operated by the county of Sacramento and the city of Sacramento. These programs provide a practical method of handling small amounts—up to 220 pounds or 27 gallons—of hazardous wastes generated by businesses.

These services are available to businesses located throughout Sacramento County. Program information, including application requirements and fees, is available by appointment. A current information packet on these programs may be obtained by calling:

County of Sacramento: (916) 875-5555  
 City of Sacramento: (916) 379-0500

STORM DRAINS VS. SANITARY SEWERS

*Storm drains and sanitary sewers have two distinct functions. It's important to understand the difference.*

**Storm drains** collect and transport runoff from rainfall. Typically these are the drains located in streets and in parking lots. Storm drain systems do not remove pollutants from water before it is discharged to creeks and rivers.

**Sanitary sewers** collect wastewater from indoor plumbing such as toilets, sinks, washing machines and floor drains and take it to a sewage treatment plant. The treatment plant removes many pollutants from wastewater before it is discharged to the river.



STORMWATER POLLUTION

Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership  
 (916) 808-4H2O (4426)

Visit our web site at :

[www.sacramentostormwater.org](http://www.sacramentostormwater.org)

SANITARY SEWER DISCHARGES:

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	(916) 875-6470
City of Galt	(209) 366-7260

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL AND LATEX PAINT RECYCLING:

County of Sacramento	(916) 875-5555
City of Sacramento	(916) 379-0500
City of Citrus Heights	(916) 875-5555
City of Elk Grove	(916) 875-5555
City of Folsom	(916) 355-8397
City of Galt	(209) 366-7260

TO REPORT ILLEGAL DISCHARGES, NON-EMERGENCY:

Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership	(916) 808-4426
<b>EMERGENCY ONLY</b>	911

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO YOUR BUSINESS:

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)  
 (916) 364-4110

BERC helps businesses understand and comply with environmental regulations. This business service is free and confidential.

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STORMWATER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP

PAINTING WITHOUT POLLUTING

*A practical paint disposal and cleanup guide for Sacramento residents and contractors*



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# DISPOSE OF WASTE FROM PAINTING THE RIGHT WAY

Improper disposal of paint can be harmful to the environment. Waste materials from painting include excess paint, used thinner, cleanup water and wastes from preparation work such as chips and scraping. Even water-soluble latex paints contain chemicals that are harmful to aquatic life and drinking water supplies.

Paint, solvents, thinners and waste from preparation work may contaminate soil and groundwater if disposed of on the ground or in a septic tank.

The following paint disposal and cleanup guidelines can help you protect the environment and keep you in compliance with the law.

## ADOPT ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPTIONS FOR HANDLING PAINTS AND SOLVENTS

- **Avoid buying too much paint** to begin with. Careful planning can save you money and reduces the amount of leftover materials.
- **Before cleaning brushes**, brush out as much paint as possible.
- **Drain and recycle excess paint** from spray equipment prior to cleaning with water or solvent.
- **Carefully store leftover paint** for future use or give it away to someone who can use it.
- **Discard dry paint cans** and disposable brushes in the trash.
- **Recycle empty spray cans** using either the county or city curbside recycling program.

## LATEX PAINTS

**Residents in the Sacramento area** may recycle latex paint at the following locations. These services are free. Call first to confirm current hours:

### OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS:

**North Area Recovery Station**  
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off area  
4450 Roseville Road, (916) 875-5555

**South Area Recovery Station**  
8491 Fruitridge Road, (916) 379-0500

### CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS:

Use the North Area Recovery Station.

### CITY OF ELK GROVE:

Use the South Area Recovery Station.

### CITY OF FOLSOM:

Household Hazardous Waste Door-to-Door Collection Service, (916) 355-8397; call to schedule an appointment or use either North Area or South Area Recovery Station.

### CITY OF GALT:

(209) 366-7260; call for information or use the South Area Recovery Station.

### KELLY-MOORE E-COAT:

Call (916) 921-0165 for an appointment. Paint must be in the original 1- or 5-gallon can with a factory label. Commercial painters and homeowners may use this service.

**Contractors, commercial painters and residents** may recycle latex paint through the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator Program. For more information and to make an appointment contact:

County of Sacramento: (916) 875-5555  
City of Sacramento: (916) 481-1816

Both programs are open to small quantity generators throughout Sacramento County. Kelly-Moore also accepts latex paint from contractors for recycling.

- **Wastewater** from cleanup of latex paint on brushes, rollers and tools used may be discharged to the sanitary sewer. Never pour excess paint into the storm drain or sanitary sewer. Excess paint in buckets must be removed and properly handled as leftover paint prior to washing paint buckets.
- **Contractors at construction sites** should use disposal facilities designated by the property owner or site superintendent. Wastewater from cleaning equipment used for latex paint may not be disposed of on the ground. This wastewater may be drained into the sanitary sewer, if available, at the construction site. *Note: This is for latex paint wastewater cleanup only and not for excess paint; neither paint nor wastewater can be disposed of if the site is served by a septic tank.* If there is no sanitary sewer available on site, clean up off-site where there is sewer access so as to avoid transporting or handling wastewater.

## OIL-BASED PAINTS AND THINNERS

- **Avoid using oil-based paints.** If possible, use latex products instead.
- **Avoid using solvents for cleanup.** Use disposable brushes, rollers, trays and containers. Let them dry and then throw them in the trash.
- **Consider reusing thinner.** Let particles settle out and pour off clear thinner for reuse. Dispose of the unusable portion as hazardous waste (see Latex Paints).

Residents in the county or city may dispose of oil-based paint, used thinner and partially-full spray cans at household hazardous waste collection centers.

Contractors may dispose of oil-based paint and thinners as hazardous waste through the Conditionally Exempt Small Generator Program.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- **Use lead-safe practices** when preparing surfaces and other remodeling activities. Protect yourself, your family and the environment by contacting the county of Sacramento's Environmental Management Department (Environmental Health) at 875-8440 for questions on lead testing and on using lead-safe practices.
- **Avoid generating large amounts of wastewater** by wet scraping rather than pressure washing.
- **Pressure wash only if the house was built after 1978**, or if testing shows that the old paint is lead-free.
- **Capture wastewater from pressure washing** before it flows to the storm drain. If the paint does not contain lead, the wastewater may be allowed to soak into the soil. After paint chips are filtered or settled out, wastewater also may be discharged to the sanitary sewer, with a permit from the Sacramento County Industrial Waste Section, 875-6470. For detailed pressure washing information call 364-4110.
- **Contact the county of Sacramento's Environmental Management Department (Hazardous Materials)** at 875-8550 for more information on the proper disposal of preparation work waste that contains lead.