

## Alberta's Paint Recycling Program Products, Definitions and Environmental Fees

The following tables help clarify which paint products are eligible under the Paint Recycling Program and therefore should be charged an environmental fee when sold or supplied in or into Alberta.

All eligible paint products including the empty paint containers can be recycled at Registered Municipal Collection Sites or Commercial Paint Rounds across the province as detailed on our website.

FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021	
SIZE OF PAINT CONTAINER (NON-AEROSOL)	
100ml – 250ml	\$0.25
251ml – 1L	\$0.50
1.01L – 5L	\$1.00
5.01L – 23L	\$2.25
AEROSOL PAINT (SPRAY PAINT)	
All sizes	\$0.25

Eligible Paint and Paint Container Inclusions	
Environmental Fees apply to the following Program Eligible Products (including mistints, frozen and expired material):	Effective Date April 1, 2008 (unless otherwise noted)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Aerosols/Spray Paints:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Paint-based aerosols</li> <li>◇ Blank aerosol cans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Architectural coatings including but not restricted to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Water-based (e.g. latex, acrylic)</li> <li>◇ Oil &amp; solvent based (alkyd)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Interior and exterior paint and stains regardless of finishing type (e.g. eggshell, satin, chalk finish):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Chalk based paint</li> <li>◇ Craft and artist paints (e.g. tempera paint)</li> <li>◇ Drywall paint</li> <li>◇ Enamels (standard single component)</li> <li>◇ Epoxies (pre-catalyzed)</li> <li>◇ Ink based paint</li> <li>◇ Metal paints                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decorative</li> <li>• Rust preventative coatings</li> </ul> </li> <li>◇ Milk-based paint</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2020   January 1, 2020   January 1, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Top Coats (Single Component, waterborne/water based, or solvent based)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Glazes</li> <li>◇ Lacquers                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-catalyzed and nitrocellulose</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water borne</li> <li>◇ Polyurethanes</li> <li>◇ Shellac and shellac-based products</li> <li>◇ Urethanes</li> <li>◇ Varnishes</li> </ul>	
◆ Primers, Sealers and Undercoats	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Stains &amp; Finishes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Barn &amp; Fence</li> <li>◇ Deck</li> <li>◇ Floor</li> <li>◇ Porch &amp; Patio</li> <li>◇ Wood finishing oils and stains</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sealers (non-tar or non-bitumen based) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Concrete Sealer</li> <li>◇ Driveway Paints or sealers</li> <li>◇ Elastomeric coatings (water-based only)</li> <li>◇ Encapsulant coatings</li> <li>◇ Liquid block filler</li> <li>◇ Masonry Sealer</li> <li>◇ Stain Blocking paint</li> <li>◇ Undercoat</li> <li>◇ Water repellent sealers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>March 1, 2018 January 1, 2020</p>
◆ Solvents, thinners, and mineral spirits	January 1, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Textured Paint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Stone effects coatings</li> <li>◇ Stucco paint</li> <li>◇ Swimming pool coating (single-component)</li> <li>◇ Textured paint</li> <li>◇ Truck Bed Coating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Deck cleaners</li> <li>◇ Dry fog coating</li> <li>◇ Fire-retardant/resistive coating (e.g. Pink Shield)</li> <li>◇ Marine paint and enamel (non anti-fouling)</li> <li>◇ Scenic, movie set paint</li> <li>◇ Strippers for paint, coatings, and wallpaper removal</li> <li>◇ Traffic marking paint</li> <li>◇ Tree marking paint</li> <li>◇ Wood preservatives (non-creosote)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>January 1, 2020</p> <p>January 1, 2020</p> <p>January 1, 2020</p>

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**Notes:**

1. This is not considered an exhaustive list. Products identified are examples based on Supplier inquiries. If you require assistance in verifying whether or not a particular paint product should be charged an environmental fee, please call Alberta Recycling at 1-888-999-8762 or email us at [paint@albertarecycling.ca](mailto:paint@albertarecycling.ca).
2. Pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Paint and Paint Container Designation Regulation* and the *Paint and Paint Container Recycling Bylaw*, environmental fees must be remitted on all sales/supplies of designated eligible paint in or into Alberta. “Paint and paint container” includes with limitations, latex, oil or solvent based coatings, stains, finishing oils, varnishes, lacquers, wood or masonry treatment products and the container in which paint is supplied.

The following table provides examples of common products which are excluded from the Paint Program and should not be charged an environmental fee and are therefore not eligible for recycling under the program.

Excluded:
◆ All paints less than 100ml or greater than 23L in size
◆ Acid Stains
◆ Automotive paints (non-aerosol)
◆ Battery terminal protectors and battery cleaners
◆ Corrosive products
◆ Industrial Coatings – Please see our website for the <a href="#">industrial paint definition</a>
◇ Heat reactive coatings
◇ High temperature coatings
◇ Impacted-immersion coatings
◇ Two-part or Multi-component coatings requiring catalyzing reaction
◇ Quick dry coatings (primers, enamels)
◇ Nuclear coatings
◇ Mastic coatings
◆ Miscellaneous
◇ Glues
◇ Fiberglass resins
◇ Adhesives
◇ Caulking compounds
◇ Block filler (aerosol)
◆ Rubber coatings
◇ Thermoplastic rubbers
◇ Liquid rubber sealants
◆ Tar based and bituminous coatings
◇ Roof patch tars & greases
◆ Tints and colourants

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- [www.albertarecycling.ca/recycling-programs/paint-recycling-program/eligible-products-fees/](http://www.albertarecycling.ca/recycling-programs/paint-recycling-program/eligible-products-fees/)