

Alberta's Paint Recycling Program Products, Definitions and Surcharges

The following table helps clarify which paint products should be charged Advance Disposal Surcharges (Surcharges) when sold or supplied in or into Alberta, and which products should not be charged.

Size of Paint Container	Advance Disposal Surcharge
SIZE OF CONTAINER:	
a) 100ml – 250ml	\$ 0.10
b) 251ml – 1L	\$ 0.25
c) 1.01L – 5L	\$ 0.75
d) 5.01L – 23L	\$ 2.00
AEROSOL PAINT (SPRAY PAINT) (ALL SIZES)	\$ 0.10

Eligible Paint and Paint Container Inclusions and Exclusions	
Advance Disposal Surcharges Applies to:	Effective Date April 1, 2008 (unless otherwise noted)
▪ Blank aerosol cans	April 1, 2012
▪ Concrete sealers, driveway paints or sealers, and masonry sealers (non-tar or non-bitumen based)	
▪ Dry fog coating	April 1, 2012
▪ Drywall paint	
▪ Enamels (including standard single component enamels)	
▪ Encapsulant coating	March 1, 2018
▪ Fire-retardant/resistive coating (e.g. Pink Shield)	April 1, 2012
▪ Interior & exterior paints and stains regardless of finishing type (e.g. eggshell, satin, chalk finish): water-based (e.g. latex, acrylic), oil & solvent based (alkyd)	
▪ Marine paint & enamel (non anti-fouling)	
▪ Paint-based aerosols	
▪ Porch, floor, fence, barn & deck paints and stains	
▪ Pre-catalyzed and nitrocellulose lacquers	April 1, 2012
▪ Pre-catalyzed epoxies	April 1, 2012
▪ Primers, undercoats & water repellent sealers	
▪ Rust & decorative metal paints	
▪ Rust preventative coatings	April 1, 2012
▪ Scenic, movie set paint	
▪ Sealers, glazes (water-based & oil-based)	
▪ Shellac and shellac-based products	
▪ Stain blocking paint	
▪ Stone effects coatings	April 1, 2012
▪ Stucco paint	
▪ Swimming pool coating (single-component)	April 1, 2012

Advance Disposal Surcharges Applies to:	Effective Date April 1, 2008 (unless otherwise noted)
▪ Textured paint	
▪ Traffic marking paints	April 1, 2012
▪ Tree marking paints	
▪ Truck bed coating	
▪ Varnishes & single component urethanes - interior & exterior	
▪ Water borne lacquers	
▪ Water-based elastomeric coatings	April 1, 2012
▪ Wood finishing oils and stains	

Excluded:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All paints less than 100ml or greater than 23L in size ▪ Acid Stain ▪ Battery cleaner ▪ Battery terminal protectors ▪ Chalk-based aerosol or liquid ▪ Colorants and tints (this refers to the pigments which are added to paint bases to give paint a color; paint which has been colored or tinted is Surcharge applicable) ▪ Corrosive products ▪ Deck cleaners ▪ Glues, fiberglass resins, adhesives, caulking compounds & block filler (aerosol or liquid) (e.g. Contact cement) ▪ Heat reactive coatings ▪ High temperature coatings ▪ Impacted-immersion coatings ▪ Ink based aerosol or liquid ▪ Milk-based aerosol or liquid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two-part or Multi-component coatings requiring catalyzing reaction ▪ Non-aerosol automotive paints ▪ Non-aerosol craft & artist paints ▪ Nuclear coatings ▪ Paint/coatings specifically formulated for industrial application (Industrial paints & finishes (e.g. baked-on, heat resistant etc.)); please see industrial paint definition on our website ▪ Professional stripper ▪ Quick dry enamels ▪ Roof patch tars & greases ▪ Solvents, thinners and mineral spirits ▪ Tar (bitumen) based aerosol or liquid (e.g. liquid rubber sealant) ▪ Thermoplastic rubber, mastic or bituminous coatings ▪ Wood preservatives (e.g. creosote)

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- www.albertarecycling.ca/recycling-programs/paint-recycling-program/eligible-products-fees/

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 a Surcharge, please call Alberta Recycling at 1-888-999-8762 or email us at 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*, Surcharges 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.