


Waste Paint Solutions

Issue – Drop & Swap is only a solution for leftover paint in directly reusable condition

- Only 20 to 35% of what is collected by programs that accept all latex paint can be reused without processing

What could be better?



Recycling!

Collect & send to a facility that manufacturers recycled paint

Benefits:

- Take all latex paint (good & bad condition)
- Most of the leftover paint & packaging materials collected are diverted from disposal
- High percentage is reused as paint
- Highest & best use of all components
 - Metal & plastic cans recycled
 - Solids can be used as an additive in cement production

Incoming Cans



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Recycling Process



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Recycling Maximized



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Considerations

- \$ - manufactures charge a fee (~15¢/lb)
 - charge a drop-off fee to help offset
- Collection requires staff or volunteers
 - recyclers only take latex paint
 - also need to pack shipping container(s)
- Recyclers not located in the northeast
 - transport = \$
- Need about 4,000 cans for a truckload
 - requires proper storage
 - team up with other towns for a “milk run”



Closing-the-Loop

- Need markets for recycled paint
 - Demand helps drive activity
- Comparable quality at ~ half the price
- Ideas?
 - Ask retailers to stock
 - Spec in government contracts
 - Local
 - State
 - Others?