

Alberta's Paint Recycling Program Products, Definitions and 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.

Effective October 1, 2024, environmental fees on Alberta's designated paint materials are increased as per the following table.

Environmental Fees		
SIZE OF PAINT CONTAINER (NON-AEROSOL)	Up to September 30, 2024	Effective October 1, 2024
100ml – 250ml	\$0.25	\$0.40
251ml – 1L	\$0.50	\$0.70
1.01L – 5L	\$1.00	\$1.30
5.01L – 23L	\$2.25	\$2.80
AEROSOL PAINT (SPRAY PAINT)	Up to September 30, 2024	Effective October 1, 2024
All sizes	\$0.25	\$0.40

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)
♦ Aerosols/Spray Paints: ♦ Paint-based aerosols ♦ Blank aerosol cans	April 1, 2012
♦ Architectural coatings including but not restricted to: ♦ Water-based (e.g., latex, acrylic) ♦ Oil & solvent based (alkyd)	
♦ Interior and exterior paint and stains regardless of finishing type (e.g., eggshell, satin, chalk finish): ♦ Chalk based paint ♦ Craft and artist paints (e.g., tempera paint) ♦ Drywall paint ♦ Enamels (standard single component) ♦ Epoxies (pre-catalyzed) ♦ Ink based paint ♦ Metal paints	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2020 April 1, 2012 January 1, 2020

• Decorative • Rust preventative coatings ◇ Milk-based paint	January 1, 2020
◆ Top Coats (Single Component, waterborne/water based, or solvent based) ◇ Glazes ◇ Lacquers • Pre-catalyzed and nitrocellulose • water borne ◇ Polyurethanes ◇ Shellac and shellac-based products ◇ Urethanes ◇ Varnishes	April 1, 2012
◆ Primers, Sealers and Undercoats	
◆ Stains & Finishes ◇ Barn & Fence ◇ Deck ◇ Floor ◇ Porch & Patio ◇ Wood finishing oils and stains	
◆ Sealers (non-tar or non-bitumen based) ◇ Concrete Sealer ◇ Driveway Paints or sealers ◇ Elastomeric coatings (water-based only) ◇ Encapsulant coatings ◇ Liquid block filler ◇ Masonry Sealer ◇ Stain Blocking paint ◇ Undercoat ◇ Water repellent sealers	March 1, 2018 January 1, 2020
◆ Solvents, thinners, and mineral spirits	January 1, 2020
◆ Textured Paint ◇ Stone effects coatings ◇ Stucco paint ◇ Swimming pool coating (single component) ◇ Textured paint ◇ Truck Bed Coating	April 1, 2012
◆ Miscellaneous ◇ Deck cleaners ◇ Dry fog coating ◇ Fire-retardant/resistive coating (e.g., Pink Shield) ◇ Marine paint and enamel (non anti-fouling) ◇ Scenic, movie set paint ◇ Strippers for paint, coatings, and wallpaper removal ◇ Traffic marking paint	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2020 April 1, 2012

◇ Tree marking paint ◇ Wood preservatives (non-creosote)	January 1, 2020
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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 the Industrial Coatings Definition on the next page for additional information.	
◇ Heat reactive coatings ◇ High temperature coatings ◇ Impacted-immersion coatings ◇ Two-part or Multi-component coatings requiring catalyzing reaction ◇ Quick dry coatings (primers, enamels) requiring spray application due to speed of drying ◇ 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	

Industrial Coatings Definition:

The following explanation is provided to help clarify the definition of ‘industrial’ as it relates to the environmental fees.

Eligible Coatings

1. Environmental fees are to be charged on:
 - a) Eligible paint sold to retail, commercial, institutional or **industrial** customers for use as architectural coatings on their buildings and other similar surfaces.
 - b) Eligible paint that has the term “**industrial**” in its name or description.
2. Some examples of eligible paint used by industrial customers on their buildings and other similar surfaces:

▪ Standard single component enamels ▪ Rust preventative coating ▪ Swimming pool coating ▪ Standard marine enamel	▪ Dry fog coating ▪ Fire-retardant/resistive coating ▪ Water-based elastomeric coatings
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Ineligible Coatings

1. Environmental fees do not apply to coatings that are “specially formulated for industrial application”. Following are some examples of coatings (non-aerosol) for your reference:

▪ Impacted-immersion coatings ▪ Quick dry enamels ▪ Heat reactive coatings ▪ Nuclear coatings	▪ Multi-component coatings requiring catalyzing reaction ▪ Thermoplastic rubber, mastic or bituminous coatings ▪ High temperature coatings
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- <https://www.albertarecycling.ca/programs/paint/>

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.
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.