

Where to Take Paint

EDCO's Environmental Collection Center located at 2755 California Ave, Signal Hill. Call (562) 997-1122 or 1(888) CLEAN LA for more information

(EDCO's center is open the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

California Paint Stewardship Program" Paint Care" is a **FREE** program to recycle paint, primer, stain and varnish. All Paint Care drop-off sites accept up to 5 gallons of paint per visit. Paint must be in its original (5 gallon or smaller) container and must have original label and secure lid. Open and leaking cans are not accepted.

To find the nearest drop-off site, use Paint Care's search tool at www.paintcare.org or call their hotline at (855) 724-6809.

A Word About Business Licenses

Every company or person doing business or based in Lakewood is required to have a business license. This includes contractors that may be based in another city but frequently work in the City of Lakewood. For more information on how to obtain a business license contact City of Lakewood Administrative Services at (562) 866-9771 ext. 2600.

Enforcement

The City promptly responds to all complaints of illegal discharges to the storm drain system.

If you see anyone discharging anything directly or indirectly into the street, please call City Hall immediately at (562) 866-9771 as City staff needs to witness the violation in progress.

Contractors and property owners may be held responsible for violations and costs associated with clean up, investigations and violations, fines or citations from the City, County, State and Federal regulatory agencies as well as any third party enforcement actions.



City of Lakewood

For more information or assistance, please call the

City of Lakewood's

Public Works Department

(562) 866-9771 extension 2500.

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Proper Disposal
of Paints,
Solvents &
Adhesives

Don't Be a
Drip!.....



Storm Water Pollution ~ It's Up to Us!

The City of Lakewood has two drainage systems — the sanitary sewers and the storm drains. The storm drain system was designed to prevent flooding by carrying excess rainwater away from city streets out to the ocean. During storms in urban areas, rainwater may mix with pollutants in industrial and household runoff, creating storm water pollution.



Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

Runoff from the streets of Lakewood discharges directly to the Pacific Ocean via the storm drain system.

Why Worry About Paints, Solvents & Adhesives?

All paints, solvents, and adhesives contain chemicals that are harmful to wildlife and humans. That is why proper handling and disposal of these products is so important. Paints, solvents & adhesives poured onto the gutter, street, or into storm drains can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, rivers, and ocean (and it's illegal!).

Do the Job Right!

- Keep all paints, solvents and adhesives away from the gutter, street, and storm drains. These are hazardous wastes and must be disposed of at a proper waste collection facility (See back of this brochure).
- Use water-based paints instead of oil based paints. Look for the words 'Clean up with water' or 'Latex' on the label.
- Don't use paints over 15 years old. They may contain toxic levels of lead.



Painting Cleanup

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- When thoroughly dry, used brushes, rags, and drop cloths and empty paint cans (lids off), may be disposed of as trash.
- Never clean brushes or rollers or rinse containers into a gutter, street, or storm drain.

- **For water-based paints**, paint out brushes as much as possible—then rinse brush in a sink with a drain that does to the sanitary sewer. Never pour excess paint of any kind down a storm drain or any other drain.
- **For oil-base paints**, paint out brushes to the extent possible and clean with thinner or solvent in a proper container and then, filter and reuse thinner or solvent.

Surface Preparation

- Chemical paint stripping residue, including saturated rags is hazardous waste and should be disposed of at a proper waste collection facility. Call 1-888-CleanLA (1-888-253-2652) for facilities and drop off events.
- Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead, mercury or tributyl tin are also hazardous. Dry sweep them and save take them to a hazardous waste facility.
- Paint chips and dust from non-hazardous

- dry stripping and sand blasting may be swept up and disposed of as trash.
- When stripping or cleaning building exteriors with high-pressure water, block catch basins and storm drains. Direct wash water onto a landscape area or collect by mopping or vacuuming. Check with local wastewater treatment authority to find out if building cleaning water can be disposed in the sanitary sewer.
- Wash water from painted buildings constructed before 1978 can contain high amounts of lead, even without paint chips. Before pressure washing or stripping pre-1978 building exteriors, test paint for lead by taking paint scrapings to a state-certified laboratory.

