

HB 880: Bringing Paint Stewardship to Missouri

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HB 880, sponsored by Rep. Jamie Burger, would establish a convenient and cost-effective paint collection and recycling program, operated by the paint industry, for Missouri residents and businesses.

What problems are created by leftover paint?

Each year, Missouri residents, businesses, and institutions generate an estimated **1.3 million gallons of leftover paint** – about 10% of all paint sold in the state, **enough to paint 52,000 two-story houses**. If all this paint were managed properly through household hazardous waste collections, it would cost **more than \$12 million per year**. However, paint recycling opportunities in Missouri are limited, and as a result, leftover paint is often stored in basements, where it is vulnerable to flooding, poured down drains, contaminating waterways, or disposed of in landfills.

What can we do about it?

The American Coatings Association (ACA), which represents the paint industry, supports paint stewardship legislation like HB 2852. ACA was one of the first – and remains one of the few – industry associations to work collaboratively with governments and recyclers to take responsibility for recovering the products they put on the market. Therefore, **paint stewardship is not an uphill battle against manufacturers, but an opportunity to work with the industry to benefit Missouri financially and environmentally**.

Under paint stewardship legislation, retailers can volunteer to serve as drop-off sites for leftover paint, a service that brings additional foot traffic into stores and improves customer loyalty. Across the country, more than 1,300 retailers have become collection locations for PaintCare, the industry nonprofit managing the paint program.

What is the PaintCare program?

HB 880 is consistent with paint stewardship legislation passed in 11 jurisdictions: California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Oregon, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. Since the first paint stewardship program launched in Oregon in 2010, PaintCare has:

- collected **over 50 million gallons of leftover paint** from all participating states;
- reused or recycled **more than 70% of all latex paint collected**;
- relieved local governments of **over \$240 million in avoided transportation and processing costs**; and
- established **more than 2,000 collection sites, 70% of which are retail locations**, providing far greater convenience to residents and decreasing the burden on local government programs.

How can you share your perspective?

HB 880 was introduced on January 19, 2023, by Rep. Burger. You can share your thoughts on this legislation by contacting your state legislators (find them here: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/legislookup/default.aspx>).

Do you have more questions?

For more information on HB 880, the PaintCare program, or how paint is currently managed in Missouri, please email the following contacts:

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