

Paint Reuse Directory: A Guide to New York Reuse Programs

A directory of current paint collection and reuse programs and facilities in New York State, including:

- Local Government Reuse Facilities
- Non-Government Reuse Facilities
- Habitat for Humanity Restores
- New York City Reuse Facilities



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- Build it Green! NYC

About The New York Product Stewardship Council

Founded in 2009 under the auspices of the New York State Association for Solid Waste Management, and fiscally sponsored by PSI, The New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC) aims to shift the waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one in which everyone involved in the lifespan of the product (mainly the manufacturer, or producer) takes responsibility for reducing the product's environmental, health, and safety impacts. NYPSC is governed by a board of individuals from local government, environmental nonprofits, and the waste management, engineering, recycling, and electronics industries. Since its inception, NYPSC has built grassroots coalitions to support producer responsibility, reducing waste and associated costs, and promoting sustainable product design.

About The Product Stewardship Institute

The Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) is a national, membership-based nonprofit committed to reducing the health, safety, and environmental impacts of consumer products across their lifecycle with a strong focus on sustainable end-of-life management. Headquartered in Boston, Mass., we take a unique product stewardship approach to solving waste management problems by encouraging product design changes and mediating stakeholder dialogues. With 47 state environmental agency members, hundreds of local government members, and nearly 100 corporate, business, academic, non-U.S. government, and organizational partners, we work to design, implement, evaluate, strengthen, and promote both legislative and voluntary product stewardship initiatives across North America.

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United States residents and businesses purchase over 640 million gallons of paint each year, more than 64 million of which go unused.

Introduction

Although paint is highly recoverable, reusable, and recyclable, most leftover latex paint is either dried and sent to landfills, poured down drains (presenting problems for local wastewater treatment systems), sent to hazardous waste haulers, or brought to local household hazardous waste (HHW) programs at high taxpayer/ratepayer expense. In fact, municipalities nationwide report that paint management consumes nearly 50 percent of their HHW budget. Inefficient paint management is a waste of materials, energy, and taxpayer dollars, and limits does not account for jobs that may be created by reuse and recycling. For all of these reasons, state and local government agencies have identified paint management as a top concern.

Why Reuse Paint?

Convenient paint reuse programs can reduce the environmental and financial costs of leftover paint, decreasing waste while providing a valuable service to the community. Reuse is considered one of the most environmentally preferable waste management strategies. Meanwhile, paint that is donated for reuse— rather than being wasted in a landfill— provides residents with an affordable resource for reduced-cost home improvement project. Paint collected through reuse programs, when it can't be sold or given directly to other residents, is often donated to local theaters, schools, organizations that support the arts, and neighborhood clean-up projects. Paint reuse programs provide a cultural as well as financial and environmental service to the community.

About This Directory

This paint reuse directory details the locations of current paint collection and reuse programs and facilities in New York State, including:

- 1) **Local Government Reuse Facilities**
- 2) **Non-Government Referral Programs**
- 3) **Habitat for Humanity Restores**
- 4) **New York City Reuse Programs**

In addition to these reuse programs, paint can be donated directly to local community groups, schools, theaters, and local governments. This directory is not exhaustive; users should research locally to find local paint donation opportunities. Paint can also be posted for reuse on freecycle.org or craigslist.org. The reuse programs in this directory provide a streamlined process for transferring paint from one consumer to another.

Local Government Reuse Facilities

Location	Hours	Who do you accept paint from?	What happens to the paint?	Contact
Fulton County Department of Solid Waste 847 Mud Rd Johnstown, NY 12095	June, July, and August: Saturday 7:30 am - 11:30 am	Latex paint during Summer Paint Exchange, latex and oil-based at bi-annual HHW collection events (only clean, and uncontaminated paint that has not frozen or dried), from Fulton County Residents (no businesses)	Given away to the community for free during the summer; excess is donated in bulk to local theaters, churches, etc. in bulk at the end of the summer program; contaminated paint is dried and disposed of in our landfill	Diane Woske (518) 736-5501 recycle@co.fulton.ny.us solidwaste.fultoncountyny.gov/downloads/Paint.pdf
Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority 21 Church St Melrose, NY 12121	Thursday 11 am - 7 pm, Friday 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm, Monday - Wednesday by appointment	Oil-based and latex paint (\$2 per gallon collection fee for latex paint at drop-off location, free at annual HHW collection event) from Rensselaer County Residents	Paint collected at the permanent facility is re-blended and donated overseas through Legacy Paints and the Rainbow Paint Reblending Program; Paint collected at the annual HHW event is recycled by Care Environmental	Matt Curley (518) 687-1018 Director@ercswma.org www.ercswma.org
Chenango County Waste Management North Norwich Transfer Station 79 Rexford St Norwich, NY 13815	May 1st through September 30th: Tuesday - Friday 8 am - 3:30 pm	Latex paint only, from Chenango County Residents	Given away to county residents for free	Patricia Pittsley (607) 337-1792 patriciap@co.chenango.ny.us www.co.chenango.ny.us/dpw/waste-management/latex-paint-exchange.php
Town of Gardiner Transfer Station Steve's Lane, Gardiner, NY 12525	Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm (April - Oct) or 8 am - 4 pm (Nov. - Mar)	Latex paint only, from Town of Gardiner Residents	Some is sold and some is given away for free	Wendy Toman (845) 255-9775 recycling@tog.gmail.com www.townofgardiner.org/transfer.cfm

Non-Government Referral Programs

Location	Hours	About the Organization	How does it work?	Contact
ECOS: The Environmental Clearinghouse PO Box 9118 Niskayuna, NY 12309	Office open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 am—3 pm	ECOS: The Environmental Clearinghouse is a local non-profit organization that provides environmental education across seven counties in the New York State Capital District. ECOS does not accept or handle paint directly, but rather provides a donation referral service for latex paint.	ECOS maintains a data base of local organizations looking for latex paint, such as churches, schools (used for stage sets), community groups, and Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. These organizations accept usable (clean, uncontaminated) latex paint (at least ½ a gallon of the same color). Residents can call the ECOS office and ask for a referral to a not-for-profit organization seeking paint.	Patrick Clear, Executive Director 518-370-4125 info@ecosny.org www.ecosny.org/environmental-info/

Habitat For Humanity ReStores

The **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**, of which there are 15 in New York State, sells donated household materials, including latex paint, for reuse in home improvement projects, keeping reusable materials out of the waste stream. The proceeds from these sales help Habitat for Humanity Community Development build affordable homes across New York State. Almost all Restores in New York State accept donations of **unopened cans of usable latex paint** (A small number of stores may accept opened cans— as of this writing, ReStores in Flower, Genesee , and Suffolk accept cans that are 3/4-full or more. It is advisable to **call your local ReStore and verify their paint donation policy** before making a donation). Usable donated paint is resold on-site at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Drop off latex paint at any Habitat for Humanity ReStore up to 30 minutes before closing time (it is advisable to call ahead to ensure your donation will be accepted— paint donation policies and hours are subject to change in individual stores).

Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Address	Hours	Contact
Columbia County Habitat for Humanity ReStore	829 Route 66 Hudson, New York 12534	Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10 am - 6 pm	Marcia Witte (518) 828-0892 mwitte@columbiacountyhabitat.org http://02e5229.netsolhost.com/cms/
Flower City Habitat for Humanity ReStore	755 Culver Rd. Rochester, New York 14609	Monday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm	(585) 697-2012 habitat@rochesterhabitat.org http://www.rochesterhabitat.org/ReStore
Genesee County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	230 Elliott St. Batavia, New York 14020	Saturday 9 am - 3 pm	(585) 345-1656 restore@geneseehabitat.com http://hfh-ny-gen.huterra.com/content/about

Habitat For Humanity Restores

Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Address	Hours	Contact
Greater Newburgh Habitat For Humanity ReStore	38 S Plank Rd. Newburgh, New York 12550	Wednesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm	(845) 565-1789 x142 restore@habitatnewburgh.org http://www.habitatnewburgh.org/restore/
New York City Habitat for Humanity ReStore	62-01 Northern Blvd, Woodside, Queens, NY 11377	Wednesday - Saturday 9 am - 7 pm, Sunday 9 am - 5 pm	Frank Hinck (646) 876-9460 Restore@habitatnyc.org https://habitatnyc.org/restore
Oneida County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	216 Seward Ave. Utica, New York 13502	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9:15 am - 5 pm, Thursday 10 am - 6 pm	(315) 624-9010 info@oneidacountyhabitat.org http://restoreoneidacounty.org/
Ontario County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	3040 County Rd 10 Canandaigua, New York 14424	Wednesday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm	(585) 396-3040 restore@hfhoc.org http://restore.hfhoc.org/
Schenectady County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	115 # Broadway Schenectady, New York 12305	Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm, Thursday 10 am - 6 pm	(518) 395-3412 x101 restore@schenecladyhabitat.org http://schenecladyhabitat.org/restore/overview/

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Southeast Steuben County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	3412 Route 414 Corning, New York 14830	Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday 9 am - 4 pm	(607) 377-5524 habitatcorning@clarityconnect.com http://habitatcorning.org/restore.html
Suffolk Habitat For Humanity ReStore	2111 Lakeland Ave. Ronkonkoma, New York 11779	Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm, Monday and Saturday, 9 am - 3pm	(631) 521-7789 donaterestore@habitatsuffolk.org http://www.habitatsuffolk.org/information/restore
Syracuse Habitat For Humanity ReStore	308 Otisco St. Syracuse, New York 13204	Monday - Thursday and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Friday 10 am - 5 pm	(315) 475-9172 restoremanager@syracusehabitat.org http://www.syracuserestore.org/
Ulster County Habitat For Humanity ReStore	406 Onteora Trl. Kingston, New York 12401	Wednesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm	(845) 853-7499 office@ulsterhabitat.org http://ulsterhabitat.org/restore/
Westchester-Mount Vernon Habitat For Humanity ReStore	659 Main St. New Rochelle, New York 10801	Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 7 pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm	(914) 699-2791 restorewestchester@gmail.com http://habitatwc.org/restore/

New York City Reuse Facilities

Location	Hours	How it works	Contact
Build it Green! NYC Brooklyn Reuse Center 69 9th St. Gowanus, NY 11215	Monday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm	Build it Green! NYC is a nonprofit retail outlet that reduces waste by selling used building materials, paint, and furniture at a reduced price. They accept donations every day and will pick up large donations for free (most donations come from businesses).	Justin Green (718) 725-8925 x 2 brooklyn@bignyc.org http://www.bignyc.org/
Build it Green! NYC Queens Reuse Center 3-17 26th Ave. Astoria, NY 11102	Monday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm	Build it Green! NYC accepts donations of latex paint, with a minimum of 3/4 of a gallon per donation. Paint must be clean and can must be in good condition. Donated paint is resold at \$5 per gallon.	Justin Green (718) 777-0132 x 2 queens@bignyc.org http://www.bignyc.org/
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs Materials for the Arts Drop off at: Northern Boulevard between 33rd and 34th Streets Long Island City, NY call 718-729-2007 upon arrival Or ship to: Materials for the Arts – Donations 33-00 Northern Boulevard, 3rd Floor Long Island City, NY 11101	You can call and schedule a drop-off at the loading dock Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9 am - 3:30 pm, ship the materials directly to the donation center, post the materials on the Direct Donations online exchange service (Members only), or call for a free pick-up of large donations on weekdays 9:30 am - 2 pm	Materials for the Arts, a warehouse operated by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, accepts donations of unused or excess materials from businesses and individuals. These donations are given to schools, government agencies, and non-profit organizations with arts programming. The purpose of the program is to promote the arts in NYC and reduce material waste. Materials for the Arts accepts latex paint in 1-gallon or larger cans. Paint must be clean and can must be in good condition.	Tom Finkelpearl (718) 729-2065 donations@mfta.nyc.gov http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/mfta/html/home/home.shtml