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BC Paint Eco Fees Change effective August 1

The eco-fees for the paint category of the Product Care Program in British Columbia will be increased effective August 1, 2009 as follows:

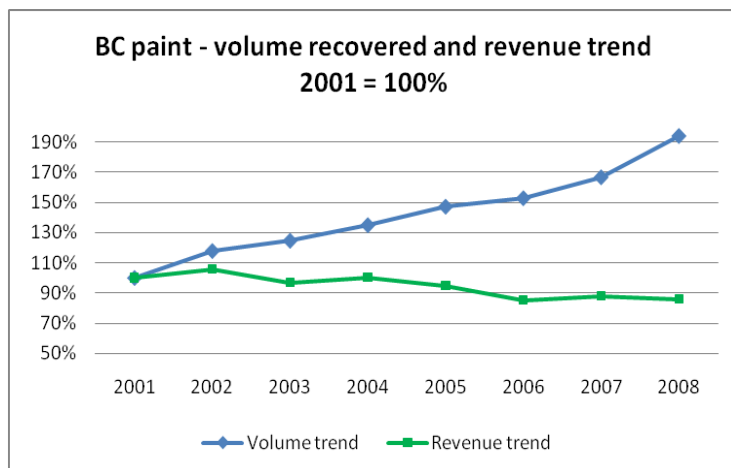
BC Paint Eco-Fees effective August 1, 2009	
Container size/type	Fee per unit (\$)
100 ml to 250 ml	0.20
251 ml to 1 litre	0.25
1.01 litres to 5 litres	0.50
5.01 litres to 23 litres	1.25
Aerosol paint	0.25

This is the first increase in fees since the BC paint program began in 1994. The fee on the one gallon container was actually decreased from \$0.50 to \$0.40 in mid 2005 and now returns to its original level. The revised fee rate structure reflects the cost of managing each of the container sizes and types.

Over the 15 years of the BC program, Product Care has managed to avoid increasing eco-fees by continually improving both administrative and operational efficiencies, however, the amount of leftover paint recovered by the program has increased significantly faster than the fee revenue from BC paint sales (see chart below).

In 2002, the program managed 12,700 bins of leftover paint and received revenue from the BC paint sector of \$3.6 million. In 2008, the program managed 20,700 collection bins of leftover paint with program revenue of \$3.5 million (new paint sales did increase over that period, but paint eco-fee rates were lowered). This represents a 63% increase in volume and a 3% decrease in revenue over the 6 year period, without taking into account factors such as inflation and increased energy costs.

The BC program experienced an operating loss in 2008, which is forecasted to continue in 2009. In the current year, recovery volumes have eased somewhat compared to 2008, with 19,700 collection bins of leftover paint now forecast. However BC paint revenues have declined at an even greater rate, due to the significant economic downturn. The 2008 and 2009 shortfalls have been covered by the contingency fund which has been accrued from surpluses in prior years.



Fee rates for other product sectors in the British Columbia program (flammables, pesticides, and waste gasoline) as well as for the Saskatchewan Paint Program are under review.

Online Reporting Becomes Mandatory for all PCA programs

Online Reporting will be required for brandowners in the New Brunswick Paint program effective immediately, and will be required for all other Product Care programs effective August 1, 2009.

Product Care has offered online web based fee reporting for a number of years now. Other programs including Alberta Paint recycling and Ontario MHSM currently require online fee reporting by all program participants.

The online Eco-fee reporting system provides efficiencies to both the program and the program members. The online reporting system allows the brandowner to review previously filed reports. Reports for the current month can be saved and worked on in more than one session. Once the report has been submitted, the program member has the choice of making payment by mailed cheque or by electronic banking.

New Brunswick Paint Recycling Program Launched

New Brunswick becomes Canada's 7th province with a paint stewardship program. Product Care's New Brunswick Paint Recycling Program began in April 2009. Already 48 collection depots have been established across the province, including retail, bottle redemption centers and Solid Waste commission sites.

Product Care's local coordinator for the New Brunswick program is Wayne Flinn, based in Fredericton. The program launch plan includes extensive radio and newspaper advertising in the April through June "spring cleaning" period. For further information go to Product Care's [New Brunswick home page](#).

Fees for April 2009, the first month of the program must be reported and paid by the end of May 2009. All New Brunswick program members are required to file their reports using Product Care's Eco-fee online system located at www.ecofeereporting.com.

June 5th Annual General Meeting

Product Care members are invited to attend Product Care's 2009 Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday June 5, 2009 in the Toronto airport area. Notice of the meeting and financial statements will be distributed in advance of the meeting.

Manitoba Update

Product Care has been leading the industry response to the proposed Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste product stewardship regulations. The latest information is that the provincial government will continue to operate Household Hazardous Waste collection event days through 2009. In the recent Manitoba budget, a Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Levy was introduced in the amount of \$10 per tonne of waste delivered to landfills. Product Care will continue to monitor the Manitoba HHW file and inform the members of any activity. Product Care members doing business in Manitoba should be aware that a Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation is in effect, with a program launch expected in 2010. [For more info.](#)

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