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Important Notice to Saskatchewan Paint Retailers



Saskatchewan Paint “Stewardship” Program begins April 1, 2006

1. What has happened? The province of Saskatchewan (SK) has just issued a Waste Paint Management Regulation. The Regulation requires the paint industry to manage a consumer take back program in SK for leftover household paint. This is similar to existing paint programs in BC, NS and Qc. Also in SK, there is a similar program for motor oil.
2. Is this a return to retail program? **No**, this is not a “return to retail” program. Consumers will be able to take leftover paint to any Sarcan bottle collection depot in SK.
3. Is this a government program? **No**, the program will be managed by the paint industry through their association, Product Care, who already manage the BC and NS programs.
4. How will the program be paid for? Product Care collects “eco fees” from its members on every unit sold in SK. Product Care’s members include manufacturers, distributors, and retail chains.

5. How much are the fees?

Container Size	Typical Size	Eco Fee/Unit
100 ml to 250 ml		\$0.10
251 ml to 1 Litre	1 US Quart / 945 ml	\$0.25
1.01 Litre to 5 Litre	1 US Gallon / 3.78 L	\$0.40
5.01 Litres to 23 Litres	5 US Gallon / 18.9 L	\$1.00
Aerosol paint containers (all sizes)		\$0.10

6. When does it begin? The program starts April 1, 2006. On that day, eco fees will be included with the purchase price, and Sarcan depots will begin accepting leftover paint.
7. Does the retailer have to collect a fee from its customers, what about trade painters? In most cases, your supplier will have already paid Product Care, and will include the fee in or with their price to you as their customer. You in turn can recover this cost from your customers (including trade painters). In other programs, most retailers show the “eco fee” on the shelf price and at the till, and customers rarely object once they understand the purpose of program. Note that the eco fee is not a tax or deposit; In Saskatchewan, if the Eco-Fee is shown separately on the sales slip it is only subject to GST. If it is included in the price, PST also applies.
8. What is the retailer role? Product Care will soon be supplying you with brochures and signage which will help you to inform your customers and respond to their enquiries.
9. What kind of paint is in the program? Generally “household” or “architectural” paints. This will be explained in the brochure. Again, your supplier will have to decide which products are in the program. See the Product Care website for more information www.productcare.org.

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