



By passing a paint stewardship law, Massachusetts will:

**SAVE MUNICIPALITIES
MONEY, SUPPORT LOCAL
RECYCLERS, & PROTECT
OUR ENVIRONMENT**

A paint stewardship law will make it easy for all Massachusetts residents to properly manage both oil-based and latex paint. Recycling paint through the PaintCare program that H.823, S.551, and S.542 would establish will lower disposal costs for taxpayers, keep our waterways clean, and reduce the amount of hazardous waste going to landfills and incinerators.

A PAINT STEWARDSHIP LAW WILL:



Save local governments money by reimbursing their costs to run paint recycling programs.



Make paint recycling easy and free for all MA residents, including those living in rural areas.



Prevent mismanagement of unwanted paint that pollutes waterways and the environment.

HOW A PAINT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM WORKS

A point-of-sale fee of approximately \$0.75 per gallon is collected by all paint retailers. The collected funds are managed by a non-profit producer responsibility organization, which represents paint manufacturers. Funds are used to establish paint collection sites, transport paint for processing, and distribute public education materials on proper management of paint.

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP IS A PROVEN SOLUTION

Ten states & Washington, D.C. have implemented paint stewardship laws, including the neighboring states of NY, RI, CT, VT, and ME. According to the Product Stewardship Institute, a Boston-based non-profit, paint stewardship programs have saved governments and taxpayers nearly \$300 million, and established more than 2,300 collection sites, over 70% of which are at voluntary retail locations.

Paint stewardship in Massachusetts has support from local governments, the Massachusetts Municipal Association, recycling businesses, environmental groups, and more. Please contact:

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