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Yolo County and PaintCare Partner on Paint Recycling

(Woodland, CA) – Recycling leftover paint in California, and now at the Yolo County Central Landfill, has just become easier. The landfill, located at 44090 County Road 28H at Road 104 in Woodland, can now accept unlimited quantities of latex paint from residents and businesses due to new Department of Toxic Substance Control regulations. Oil-based paint is also accepted seven days a week, at no charge, from residents. Businesses with oil-based paint, however, must make an appointment through the Small Quantity Generator Program by calling 800-207-8222.

Leftover paint represents 40-60% by volume of all household hazardous waste collected at public facilities and costs local governments an estimated \$21 million each year for management and proper disposal. To address this issue, Assembly Bill 1343 established the Paint Stewardship Program requiring paint manufacturers to develop a take back system for leftover paint from households and commercial consumers. PaintCare, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization was created to administer the program, including arranging for recycling and proper disposal of unused paint. Additionally, a 75 cent per gallon container recovery fee was established which is applied to the purchase price of paint and paid to PaintCare to fund the program.

In addition to the Yolo County Central Landfill, paint retail stores are also participating in the PaintCare program. These retail locations which also accept leftover paint include: Kelly Moore Paints, located at 831 Harbor Boulevard in West Sacramento and 538 N. East Street #A in Woodland; and Sherwin-Williams, located 1392 E Main Street #A, in Woodland.

Some things consumers can do when purchasing and using paint to reduce, reuse and recycle include:

- Take care to buy the correct amount of paint for the project
- Properly store paint to keep it fresh
- Use up leftover paint whenever possible
- Ask the paint store to recycle your leftover paint

Other household hazardous waste will continue to be accepted from Yolo County residents every Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information on paint recycling, other recycling related matters and hazardous waste, go to: www.yolocounty.org and click on the Landfill tab.

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