



**Colorado Association for Recycling**  
*Turning today's waste into tomorrow's resources*

## **Please Oppose SB 45 – Don't repeal a beneficial paint recycling program for Colorado communities**

**Prior to the passage of the Architectural Paint Stewardship Act in 2014, Colorado communities were paying as much as \$120,000 a year to manage paint disposal.**

County or City	Annual Cost of Paint Disposal reported in 2012
Boulder County	\$96,249
Broomfield County	\$4,000
Clear Creek County	\$11,000
City and County of Denver	\$40,000
Eagle County	\$63,000
El Paso County	\$120,349
Jefferson County	\$109,600
Larimar County	\$45,750
Pitkin County	\$12,000
Routt County	\$5,066
San Miguel County	\$2,225
Weld County	\$30,171
City of Fort Collins	\$15,000

**If Paint Stewardship Program ended today, communities predict they would have to cover the costs again of properly disposing of paint.**

**The total cost across the state to taxpayers would be \$6.8 million annually.**

County or City	Estimated Annual Cost Today if the Paint Stewardship Program Ended
Adams County	14,908
Boulder County	\$105,000
City and County of Denver	\$60,000
Douglas County	\$29,045
Larimar County	\$75,000
City of Fort Collins	\$20,000

**These estimates do not include the costs of dealing with illegal dumping and waste water processing that will occur as a result of the termination of the program. Many collection sites will have to close and residents will either leave their paint at the closed collection site, a county facility or worse along roads or dump the paint down drains.**

**As a result of the success of the Paint Stewardship Program many Colorado residents are accustomed to recycling their paint at nearby sites for free. The demand for recycling paint has grown and without the program communities will have to handle the increased demand either through taxpayer funded programs or cleaning up illegally dumped paint.**