

The PaintCare Program from a Small County Perspective



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Columbia County Demographics

- Located directly NW of Portland, Oregon and Multnomah County
- 688 square miles
- 2009 census estimated county population at just over 51,000 residents
- 7 incorporated cities, with population ranges between 58 and 11,000 residents
- Major industries include lumber, paper, retail and tourism
- Most working residents commute to Portland Metro Area or Longview, WA for employment
- County Seat is St. Helens

Columbia County HHW Program

- Held at Columbia County Transfer Station's HHW Building
- Hold collection events on the last Saturday of each month (except Christmas Day) from 8 AM - Noon
- Started holding regular HHW Events in May 2007
- 1295 customers in 2010 (yearly high)
- Hold 2 additional remote events annually. April -Vernonia (west county) & Fall - Clatskanie (north county)
- Annual HHW Budget is around \$110,000.00
 - ▶ Includes labor, transportation, disposal and recycling costs
 - ▶ HHW budget comes from the Solid Waste Fund, which is generated by tip-fees at the Transfer Station
- Due to cost, in July 2009, our HHW program stopped collecting latex paint for recycling

Common HHW Items Collected

(2010 Statistics)

- PRM (44.6% of customers brought PRM)
- Medical Sharps (28.8%)
- Fluorescent Lights (19.3%)
- Herbicide/Pesticides/Fertilizers/Poisons (16.1%)
- Used Oil (15.4%)
- Cleaners/Detergents (14.9%)
- Batteries (11.1%)
- Antifreeze (7.3%)

Changes in our HHW statistics since roll-out of PaintCare Program

(July 2010)

- Customers bringing in PRM went from 29% to 58%
 - ▶ nearly 25% brought **JUST PRM**.
 - Prior to July 2010, about 10% brought just PRM.
- Customer counts have increased 50.1%!
- Have collected nearly 30,000 pounds of latex paint in 6 events
 - ▶ Disposed of nearly 30,000 pounds of flammable liquids in 2010 (12 events)
- After adding latex back into the program, our T&D costs are reduced by an estimated 25%, compared to time period when County collected latex paint. Columbia County did not collect latex paint from July 2009 to June 2010.
- Average T&D cost per customer dropped from \$50.59/customer (10 events prior to PaintCare introduction) to \$37.43/customer (6 events)
 - ▶ Increased participation and in-program paint are the two main reasons for the reduction in T&D costs.
- January 2011 Event
 - ▶ 175 customers (record)
 - ▶ 49.7% brought in PRM

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