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[San Joaquin County](#) works with California Product Stewardship Council for Paint Reform

San Joaquin County, a California town made up of 7 cities and plenty of places to go boating and fishing, announced that it has developed the California Paint Stewardship Program (CPSP), a recycling program that aims to reduce the amount of leftover paint generated by the town each year. The program also hopes to educate people about good paint recycling habits.



San Joaquin County is no stranger to paint consumption. The county generates about 8-million gallons of paint each year, and it costs the county about \$16 million for the paint to be removed through Hazardous Household Waste programs. That equates to about \$8 that each person has to pay to remove one gallon of paint.

In order to reduce the amount of money spent on paint pickup programs, and to increase interest in the recycling paint market, San Joaquin County decided to collaborate with a few other surrounding counties to create the [California Integrated Waste Management Board](#)">[California Paint Stewardship Program](#).

The program will educate all Californians, from consumers to the government, about the importance of recycling paint.

A grant of \$400,000 from the [California Integrated Waste Management Board](#), the State agency that manages the 92 million tons of waste generated in California yearly, made this new paint recycling program possible.

Now it will take the people of California to make it a success!

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