Paint Stewardship in Washington

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Paint Stewardship 101

• Manufacturer run program
• Legislation has passed in 8 states
• Creates a take back program for unused latex and oil-based paint at retail or existing HHW facilities
• Program available state-wide
• Paint reused, recycled or properly managed
• Program open to residential consumers and businesses
• Assessment fee when paint purchased, no payment when returned
Stakeholder Engagement
• Local Governments
  • Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Presentations
  • Meetings with local staff
  • What were we asking for?
Business Outreach

• Local Paint Stores/Contractors
  – Increased foot traffic
  – Providing additional service to customers
  – Providing additional information to customers
Consumer Outreach

Media Stories
Non-profit Outreach
Overcoming Opposition

- Stakeholder Inclusion
- Individual Conversations
- Garnering Support From Other Stakeholders
Legislative Strategy

- Business Focus
  - Retailers
  - Contractors
  - Solid Waste Management Companies
  - Recyclers
Results

• Bill Passed Out of the House with a Bi-Partisan vote
• Hearing in the Senate Energy, Environment and Telecommunications Committee
• Bill Active Next Year
Questions?

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