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Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

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Experiences of one county with the paint stewardship program

Tillamook County previously held annual Household Hazardous Waste collection events, but a permanent HHW collection facility was constructed and operational since October 2011. Tillamook County is contracted with Burlington Environmental, and thus we were able to participate in the benefits of the PaintCare paint stewardship program from the beginning.

Following is a comparison of our HHW collection activity in 2007 and 2012:

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2012</u>	
Latex and Oil-based paint	48,267 lbs		55,100 lbs	49%
Paint-related materials (not covered)			21,520 lbs	19%
Total Paint:	48,267 lbs <i>(24.1 tons)</i>	+58%	76,620 lbs <i>(38.3 tons)</i>	68%
Total HHW:	76,971 lbs <i>(38.5 tons)</i>	+47%	113,204 lbs <i>(56.6 tons)</i>	
Total HHW Cost:	\$76,525	-8.5%	\$69,973	

Tillamook County has not been reimbursed for any of these collection costs.

The paint stewardship program has been beneficial in reducing our HHW program costs even as we significantly increase volumes from the public.

We must also recognize that a significant portion of our operating costs are due to the volumes of paint which is delivered to our HHW facility by county residents. We request that the legislature consider the collection costs which are being borne by our and similar county programs when reviewing House Bill 2048, specifically provisions in Sec. 3. (2) (c).

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