

Reformulated Solvents are for Cleaner Air

Paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents sold or distributed in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties will meet a new California State requirement in order to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Southern California residents are all too familiar with the Southland's need for cleaner air. The new reformulated paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents greatly contribute toward lessening detrimental health impacts such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. Please contact AQMD at 1-800-CUT-SMOG or log on to www.aqmd.gov for further information.

Reformulated Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents



Important Notice for All Users

Recent Changes and What You Should Know Before Using Paint Thinners & Multi-Purpose Solvents



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Devastating house fires are often caused by something easily preventable such as improperly using or storing solvents around open flames, pilot lights and any other type of ignition source.

New regulations to protect our region's air quality require the reformulation of thinners and solvents to make them much less polluting. Some of these new products may be more flammable than solvents you have previously used and need to be handled with care.



On behalf of the Fire Marshals throughout Southern California, please continue to follow these simple tips when handling paint thinners and solvents:

- Use solvents only in well-ventilated areas.
- Use and store all solvents away from flames, heat-producing appliances, and ignition sources. Remember to replace the cap onto the solvent container when not in use.
- Properly dispose of all such liquids at hazardous waste sites. Never pour them down the drain as they are toxic to the environment.
- Please read and follow the instructions on the label.

Please use all solvents and thinners responsibly so you can avoid any accidents like this from happening to you.



Other health hazards

If you experience a sore throat, cough, confusion, headache or dizziness while handling or using thinners or solvents, seek fresh air, rest and if it persists seek medical attention.

FOR FURTHER FIRE PREVENTION TIPS PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

