



ADVISORY NOTICE

Rule 1113: Section (c) Paragraph (5)
Original Review: March 2010
Revised Date: July 2011
Subject: Clarification of Disposal/Recycling of Empty Paint Cans

Issue:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has been made aware of an inquiry regarding the disposal or recycling of empty paint cans.

Current Rule Language:

Rule 1113 section (c)(5) states that "all architectural coating containers used to apply the contents therein to a surface direct from said container by pouring, siphoning, brushing, rolling, padding, ragging or other means, shall be closed when not in use. These architectural coating containers include, but should not be limited to: drums, buckets, cans, pails, trays or other application containers."

Analysis:

As part of Rule 1113, cans that still contain paint must be kept closed. However, this rule does not apply to paint cans that are empty.

Conclusion:

Empty paint can disposal and recycling is handled through the municipal recycling system. For current rules and regulations regarding the recycling of empty paint cans please visit the [Cal Recycle](#) website or refer the following link [Metal Recycling](#).

For information regarding the proper disposal of leftover paint, please refer to Cal Recycle's [Paint Stewardship Program](#), which is a statewide program that manages the disposal of unwanted leftover paint in an environmentally responsible fashion, including collection, transportation, processing, and disposal.

Comments or questions regarding Rule 1113 should be directed to areasources@aqmd.gov or to [Heather Farr](#), Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-3672.