

The Paint Guy

ECO Paint Information

Healthy Look	Healthy Air	Healthy You
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Everyone is going green or ECO friendly. That said, The Paint Guy has put together some information regarding ECO friendly paints.

About ECO Paints

Most conventional paints contain and emit **VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds)**. Some types of VOCs contribute to smog, and many VOCs emit offgasses indoors and contribute to indoor air pollution. VOCs can cause respiratory problems and some are known carcinogens.

Almost every major paint manufacturer now has a low-VOC or zero-VOC product line; many of these products are also low-odor. But in most cases the tinting agents are not VOC free which means that the darker your paint the more VOCs. Even though the tint adds some VOCs these paints still exceed Canadian standards by far.

Many no/low VOC paints still contain other harmful chemicals such as ammonia, acetone, and crystalline silica which are **Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)**. That said these paints are still far safer than other paints. There are paints containing no HAPs or odor masking agents that cause indoor air pollution.

Misinformation:

- ECO friendly paint is not as durable as other paints.
Eco friendly paint is just as durable as any other paint on the market.
- You have limited colour selection.
The colour selection is only limited by your imagination.
- It is more expensive than other paints.
The price of ECO friendly paints is the same as any other top quality paint.
- It's just for the environment what difference will it make to me.
ECO friendly paint creates a healthier home, with reduced offgasses. Most paints emit toxic gasses for years. Bad for you, your children and your pets.

ECO Labels and Terms:

LEED Certification - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, new and renovated properties must achieve performance in various areas of materials used, sustainability sites, energy and atmosphere. There are 4 levels of certification, and the use of Low/No VOC paints is a requirement on all levels. The future David Suzuki elementary school to be built in Windsor, will be constructed using LEED guidelines.

SCS Certified Indoor Advantage Gold - Scientific Certification System, US based system used in California to reduce indoor and outdoor air pollutants. Products with this label are usually recommended for us in homes for people with allergies, asthma, also anyone wishing to detoxify the living or working space.

ECO Logo - Third party certification program of Environment Canada. Most products with this label exceed Canadian environmental standards.

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Don't be afraid...it's only paint!