

# GREENPAINTERS® CODE OF PRACTICE

Set forth below are the obligations agreed to by Accredited GreenPainters:

**Use LEED Certified low-VOC Acrylics, Energy Star products or paints with a full ingredients disclosure on a minimum 50% of contracted work per year.**

- Paints classed as low-voc must conform to US Green Building Council's LEED. This includes tints, and gloss enamels.

**Practise waste water minimisation techniques at all times. These include:**

- Preserving tools using alternative methods. It takes an average of 22 litres of water just to clean a roller out. Where possible, store rollers overnight in clean plastic bags, or in specially designed roller covers. This negates the need to wash them out and means they can continue to be used the next day.
- When using acrylic paints, waste water must be treated before being discharged in accordance with EPA and local council regulations. Waste water must never be poured down the storm water drain.

**Dispose of Painting Waste Correctly**

- Large quantities of unwanted paint may be able to be re-boxed for sale as mistints at your supplier.
- Natural paint waste can usually be composted, as it is organic.
- Tins and buckets must be recycled after having excess dry paint removed using local government recycling scheme.
- Disposal of unwanted acrylics must be by using the local council sponsored paint disposal programs, or by using an EPA approved paint waste treatment facility.
- Waste management must comply to EPA guidelines in your state

**Use Non-toxic fillers wherever possible.**

- Water-based fillers are a good alternative to fibreglass fillers.

**Conduct all work in accordance with Industry Standards for Painting and Decorating**

- Provide a written quote and contract

**Maintain a green office**

- Use recycled paper for quotes and invoices, and associated stationery.
- Email quotes and invoices where possible.