

LATEX PAINT

Please dry out and dispose with regular trash

Check with your hauler / or Transfer Station on disposing of Solidified Latex Paint Only.

Oil Based paint is Hazardous, must dispose at HHW event.

Thousands of tax dollars are spent each year disposing of latex paint as hazardous waste, when in fact, **it is not hazardous**. Use it up! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid creating waste from the start. Buy only what you need.

Latex paint will not be accepted at our annual Household Hazardous Waste Collections~

One gallon of paint will cover between 250 and 350 square feet, depending on the porosity of the surface to be covered. A gallon of paint will cover closer to 250 square feet of surfaces that are more porous.

Dry it up!

All residual/leftover paint **must be hardened or dried.** ~

For Small Amounts:

Cans 1/4 or less full, simply remove the lid and place can in a safe, well-ventilated area and they will dry in a few days. Or Line a box with old newspaper and pour small amounts of paint onto the paper, letting each layer dry before adding another. The painted papers and box can then be out into the regular trash. **Do not put Lid back on can when disposing in household trash.**

For cans with larger amounts:

Cans more than a 1/4 full, solidify~ Stir in Kitty Litter or paint hardener. Once paint is solidified, it can be disposed in regular trash.

Pass it on!

Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, religious groups, community groups, and theater groups, will accept unopened cans of paint, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Consider posting your useable paint on freecycle.org, Craigslist or similar swap sites. Place Free sign it will get used~

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